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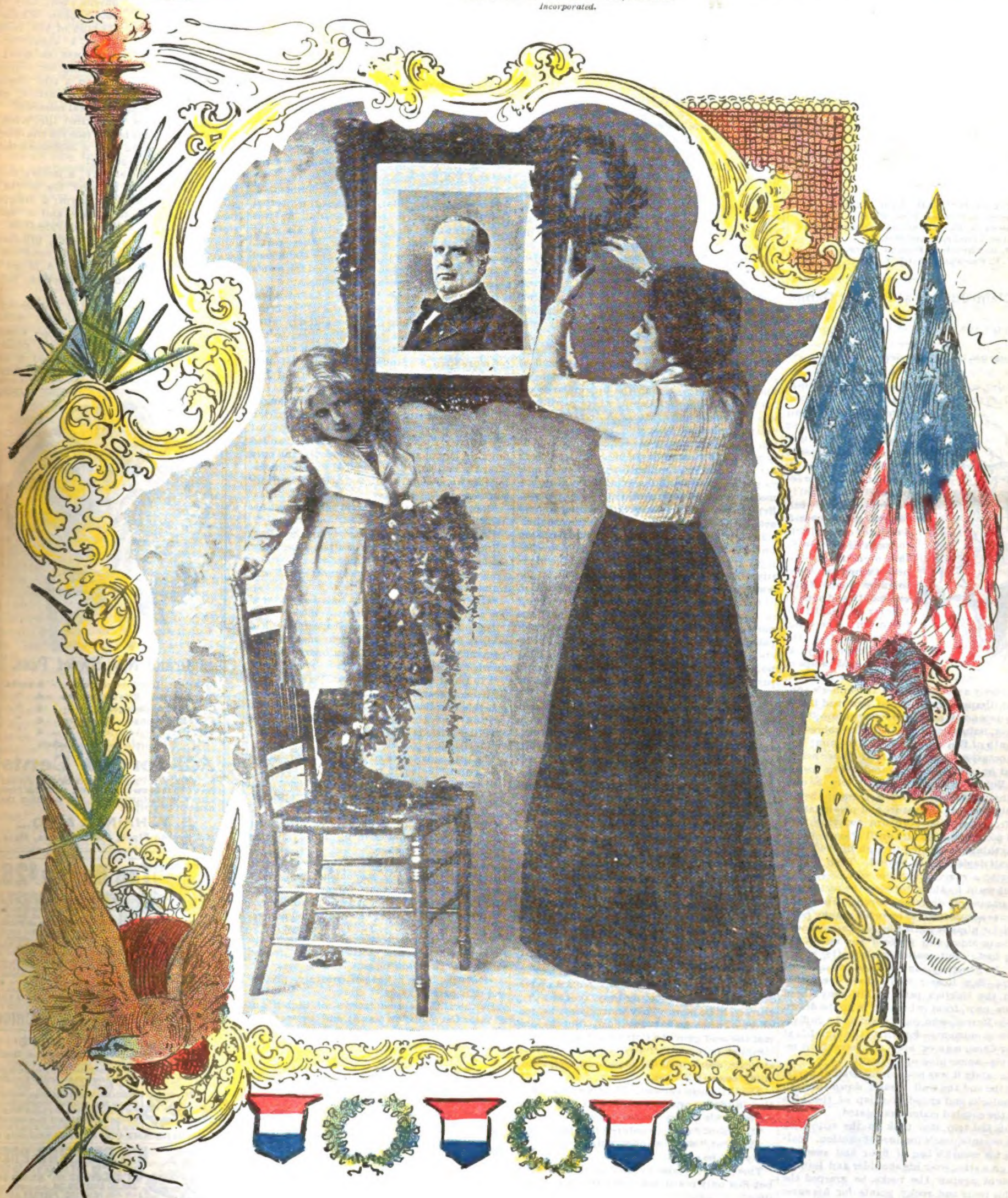
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F. E. Burnham, Fifth Prize.

## The Claim Jumper at Pioneer Camp.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY OSCAR S. SEAVER.

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It was in the late "fifties."

Ben Roarer, who had risen to the state of single handed miner through the stages of "broken down miner," "bull puncher," "prospector," and finally "claim jumper," had for two years worked a claim of clouded title to such good profit that high life at Pioneer Camp was wont to know much of him one month and none of him for an equal time thereafter. The claim accountable for the month of luxury, as wild cat gold camps of the Rockies knew it,

was as surely accountable for the miner's subsequent disappearance. Good and bad times, which depended mostly on "clean ups," had the effect, naturally, to extend or to abbreviate the month of Ben's sojourn to his claim; and upon occasion that period of time nearly doubled or only half transpired before his return. But it was upon the last trip he ever made that his return followed closest; then it was unmistakably premature and precipitate.

Out from camp the stubborn twisting trail offered no serious difficulty until Pioneer Camp and anything pertaining to high life had been left a half day's journey behind. Then it took to hugging a rugged precipice so closely as to give but scant foothold between the rocky wall and a chasm of dizzying depths. Here the miner was accustomed to leave his shaggy pony to shift for himself until Pioneer Camp should again be in order, and proceed the rest of the way on foot. But custom was a matter of necessity, for generally—and particularly upon his last trip—Ben Roarer would have far rather trusted the ticklish path to his pony's head than his own, from which it is to be drawn that Ben Roarer, who was a giant and a ruffian, was also at moments—for which the high life at Pioneer Camp may or may not have been responsible—something of a coward.

Fortunately it was not a long trail of nerve, and at the end the trail wound down through the hemlocks and ended in a lap of the hills where the coveted claim was located.

On his last trip, Ben took to the path with all the mountaineer's instinct of caution. Balancing his month's bag of flour and snack of bacon on a stick over his shoulder and leaning his weight against the rocks, he grasped the available roots and rocky points for his surer support. Half-way across a spring oozed from a cleft in the rock, and here the miner stopped and took a long refreshing draught.

"God is good," was his solitary comment of satisfaction. Then he started on again but he went a very little way when he uttered a cry and stopped affrighted in his tracks.

Ben Roarer had come in sight of his claim,

and there beside the tilting box he saw an active little old man unmistakably at work. Ben dropped to a sitting posture on the narrow path and let his legs dangle over the edge.

"Good Lord!" he ejaculated, brushing his horny hand across his perspiring brow. It was a habit of Ben's which he felt redeeming to hook the expression of his feelings with the personality of his Maker. Yet on its own account the sight was enough to try the miner's powers of ejaculation to the utmost.

It was not a case of simple claim jumping, for that would have been a proposition of dog eat dog quickly settled by a crafty crawl and a pot shot. The man was not a stranger. The flabby black sauce-pan hat had a familiar tilt; the clothes too, were clearly reminiscent; and by all Ben's lights of observation and judgment the features were those of Jim Rawlson, whom he had shot two years previous in a dispute not only concerning, but upon the premises of that very claim to which he was now returning. Ben neither pronounced it an illusion nor commented upon the quality of spirits sold at Pioneer Camp. What he did was to crawl back to the spring and soberly immerse his head in the cool, sparkling pool before taking a second observation.

Still it was an uncanny sight. He could swear to the man's identity. Bearded a trifle grayer to be sure, and the general cut a little more broken down than formerly; but all that was to be expected after being shot and dropped over the edge of the canyon like so much carrion. Ben was scared. He felt the helplessness of being in the presence of the supernatural. Added to the scare was the sickening sense of how ineffective a lead slug would be upon an apparition. But he failed to reason that the weapon hanging naturally upon the hip of the worker would be quite as ineffective upon him.

Therefore, Ben Roarer, claim jumper number one, made no demonstration against the eerie worker, but continued to sit with his back against the rock wall and his legs hanging over the abyss, turning matters in his mind. That he had wrested the claim wrongfully from Rawlson there was no controverting. In fact, he had shot and killed him. But that had been easily smoothed over by his own affidavit of self defense and prior ownership which he knew to be untrue, and the unpopularity of his victim at Pioneer Camp, where sentiment was the sole adjudicator. A clear case of "claim jumping!" But now here was the victim back again as spry as ever, and undoubtedly ready to file an affidavit of a contradictory nature, which under the leery circumstances would be indisputable. At this point in his meditations and several others of like portent, Ben Roarer was in danger of sliding limply over the edge of the trail and into the canyon.

Reason as he might, no agreeable dawning broke to Ben's befogged mind. Frequent peekings taken stealthily did not destroy the identity of the little gray bearded man who all the while worked smartly. The incessant action of the man's jaws even disclosed a new mark of identification. Yet despite this and the more substantial argument of a new heap of pay dirt, which only weeks of labor could create, claim jumper number one had a lingering hope that it was all an illusion which would pass as equally harrowing illusions had passed before.

So when the sun beat directly downwards and the solitary worker drew off for his noon meal, Ben crawled stealthily down to the outskirts of the claim. From one corner to another he stole and in turn scanned the trees upon which he had tacked his notices of location. His were not there! Others hardly mildewed occupied their places, and all bore another's name. If he had studied them more closely or had the penmanship of the new claimant been more legible, matters would have appeared in a different light. But it was not to be, for it was sufficient that the name which stared him in the face was "Rawlson!"

Ben slunk off into cover. Seated at the foot of a hemlock, he intended to grapple with this conclusive bit of evidence. But he had hardly begun in earnest when he was startled by a voice at his shoulder.

"Move a hair uv yer head and I'll send yer ter hell!" came the stern, snappy admonition of anything but a dead man. Ben looked up terrified and met the piercing gray eyes of a gray bearded little man. They were glassy, he recollected, when he last saw them. But he also met the cold gaze of a Colt's revolver.

"Good Lord, don't!" moaned Ben, as he felt the hair, over which he had no control, rising stiffly beneath his hat.

The little man chewed. Holding that operation in higher esteem than words, he merely surveyed his quarry contemptuously.

"Rawlson?" at last ventured Ben fearfully. "You bet," was the short reply. "Knew me did yer?" he added.

There was surprise evinced in the question, but Ben only noted the sarcastic curl of the lip.

"Then," continued the little man, "Yer know who yer got ter deal with."

Half sitting, half lying limply at the foot of the tree, Ben realized the worst. Superstition mingled with reality rushed through his mind. Among the wild thoughts he seized one; an old trick.

"Will yer have my gun?" he asked craftily. The astute ruffian had never failed in passing his revolver with muzzle pointed toward himself to twirl it like a flash to the end of summarily turning the tables in his favor. He waited eagerly for the answer.

"Got it?" replied the little man dryly, chewing in contemplation of an end to the situation.

Ben Roarer's hand went to his hip to find an empty belt, and his jaw fell in awful fear. How he had been robbed of his weapon while wide awake, was too uncanny a matter for him to explain. His intended victim surveyed him coldly, and in that cruel gaze Ben saw no inkling of mercy. His nerves were fast unravelling.

"What do yer want uv me?" he asked in a broken whisper.

"That's my proposition" came the snappy reply. "Calate I'd better drill yer onery hide and let yer go inter ther canyon" he added accommodatingly.

"Good Lord, don't," moaned the nerveless Ben, "lemme go."

Ben's small tormentor twirled his unkempt beard speculatively.

"Go whar?" he finally asked.

"Whar?" cried the big man, "Any whars outen ther country," he added desperately.

"Waal," drawled the other, as though he hated to do it, "Waal, git out then, an' if ever I sot eyes on yer carkiss, I'll shoot yer."

Ben Roarer needed no urging. Leaving both flour and bacon he tore frantically away lest a change of opinion in the gray bearded little man should drop him unceremoniously in his tracks.

The new claimant, claim jumper number two, returned to his solitary toil with contorted face, emitting hoarse chuckles. But he was not content to let Ben Roarer out of his sight unless it was to hit the trail for other parts. The peaceful manner in which the claim had been surrendered was suspicious, and the man's apparent fright a possible subterfuge.

It was then, for the investigation of these matters, that the little man of the flabby black hat appeared in Pioneer Camp a half day after the fleeing Ben. But the fleeing Ben, to the later sorrow of the little man, had not stopped for more than a graphic but somewhat distorted account of the return to earth of Jim Rawlson, two years dead.

No wonder then the miners, who had laughed at Ben, now stood aside as the apparition walked smartly into the house of recreation! No wonder, too, that the proprietor handed out a tin cup of spirits a little charily, and only after the cup had been emptied in an unmistakably human and commonplace way ventured to speak!

"Rawlson, howdy," he said extending his hand.

The little man turned sharply at the name, "Howdy?" he returned. "Yer all seem ter know me hereabouts," he added, puzzled.

"Know yer! of course we know yer," exclaimed the proprietor.

"Can't be helped pardner, but I never seed you afore," returned the other.

A gaping circle of red shirted spectators had no help for their misguided spokesman.

"Aint you Rawlson that Ben Roarer shot?" queried the proprietor hastily.

"No I aint: at least not yet," replied the little man, sharply scanning the crowd for a possible Ben Roarer.

"You aint Jim Rawlson thet Ben Roarer shot?" persisted the proprietor with scrupulous enunciation.

The little man started at the lesser name. "No, I aint," he again replied.

"I aint a doubting no man's word, least of all yourn," continued the unconvinced proprietor, "but I swear yer look jist like him."

"Orter, I calate" returned the little man less pugnaciously but chewing fiercely, "being Jim's own twin brother."

When the grim joke had fairly dawned upon them the miners grew loquacious, and claim jumper number two soon learned the fate of Jim Rawlson and the identity of Ben Roarer.

"Whar is Ben Roarer?" he demanded savagely.

"Struck out," was answered in chorus.

Jim Rawlson's twin brother bit his lip and dented his tin drinking cup.

"Fer whar?" he asked portentously, preparing to depart.

But here the representatives of high life at Pioneer Camp made a stand; and by way of a benefit for the dispossessed Ben Roarer, they did not betray him.

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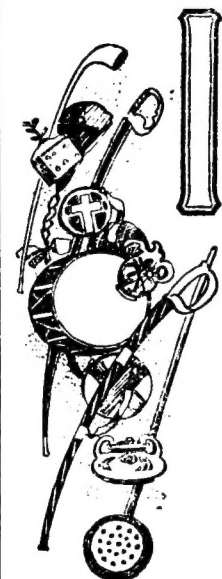
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## How the Curio-Collector was Cured.

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It is a humiliating thing to confess that one has married a crank, but Mrs. Wellington Wade was going through that enlightening experience. In the days of incipient courtship the idiosyncrasies of her lover appeared to her only as a distinct trait, a marked individuality that separated him from the common herd. In her engagement it was merely a fad—kings and queens, even, had their pet hobbies—while in the bliss of the honeymoon, a collector of curios was the most entertaining of companions on a trip through foreign countries, combining pleasure with historical research.

But after six years of married life, with its disillusionment, she had to face the unalterable fact that her husband was a monomaniac on the subject of relic-hunting!

He had picked up, already, a motley collection, in their travels all over the world. A splinter off the Sphinx in Egypt; a fragment from the Acropolis, at Athens, and a bit of bone, belonging to a Saint, in Palestine; not to mention sundry coins, swords, pikeheads, daggers, ivory tusks, jewelled snuff-boxes, walking-sticks and autographs. A large fortune had been spent in reckless search for antiquities.

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XVI. Ranged along the walls of his den curious chairs, empty receptacles of past mess, said to have held, once upon a time, relics of famous personages. On the shelves, were displayed numberless trophies; of various patterns, specimens of a unique collection of wigs, and the special warming-pans that had aired the den of such celebrities as Mary, Queen of Scots, Catharine de Medici and Madame Pompadour.

To tell the truth, the whole house was littered with trumpery, and the luckless visitor who made his appearance at the door was immediately submitted to a long explanatory discourse on the contents of the glass cases. Consequently, their old friends had gradually slipped away and Mrs. Wellington Wade found herself the sole auditor of her eager archeologist.

Her services were also brought into requisition as an amanuensis, in preparing a catalogue, which was an exceedingly bulky manuscript and necessitated weary hours of plodding through the historical journals and art manuals. Not content with this sacrifice of his wife's time, the absent-minded collector insisted upon her daily attendance at every auction sale, where she inwardly fumed at the fabulous sums expended in the purchase of insignificant articles, guaranteed to date from the middle ages or before the flood.

Most disheartening of all, she had a vague idea that this dominant desire of her husband had drawn him into the vortex of delusion, that he had become the innocent dupe of unscrupulous sharpers in the shape of suave picture-dealers and shop-tenders who were palming off worthless, modern bric-a-brac for priceless antiques.

This morning they were to attend a sale of oil paintings, where it was rumored a genuine Greuze was the drawing card. Patiently she followed her husband in his tour of the rooms, gazing with helpless ignorance at the array of smoke-dried pictures in their tarnished frames. She could not detect the salient points of the masterpiece, nor was she quite assured that her companion rejoiced in a certain confidence, although he seemed to be studying these exponents of immortal genius with the semblance of a devotee, standing at a respectful distance and holding his hand, after the manner of art critics, slightly curved over his eyes. Suddenly he stopped and bent toward her.

"Do you see that gentleman leaning against the doorway?" he whispered in her ear. "He has been talking to the auctioneer. I have an idea that he is a connoisseur. He is always here and tries to outbid me. He has got wind of this original, you better believe."

Mrs. Wade glanced at the gentleman in question, and mentally wondered if her husband was to deteriorate into that dilapidated condition, after a continued pursuance of his infatuation.

"What did I tell you!" he ejaculated warningly, when the auctioneer had taken his stand on a stool, and the gentleman by the doorway had moved forward. "He is beginning to show interest. See him swallowing? It is a sure sign. There's only one way to beat him—and that is, to buy the whole lot!"

"Oh, Wellington! But what will you do with them?"

"Sell them—throw them in the street!" was the frenzied reply, then, as if in fear of attracting suspicious notice, he suddenly subdued his tones. "Do you think I would risk losing a genuine Greuze? Flesh tints are very deceiving, and you can't trust these dealers, they will palm anything off on you. But when an expert like this man is so eager to secure an article there is something back of it, you may be sure."

His wife subsided with a sigh of resignation. She would have to take up her abode in the elevator if this craze continued much longer.

"How much am I offered?" chirped the auctioneer, "Worth \$50, if it is a sou—60—75—"

It was a battle between two opposing forces, for no one else seemed to desire to stake any large sum on these unattractive-looking specimens of past glory. Fortune favored the archeologist, and a short space of time saw him the owner of the whole array of dingy daubs, and a debtor to the amount of a cool number of thousands.

It did not take long to summon an express man and have his newly acquired property carted to his uptown residence. Nor did he suffer them out of his sight, but took up his station beside the driver, leaving his wife to follow at her leisure.

"There are so many tricks of the trade," he managed to whisper to her, aside. "Besides, that man is not going to let such a treasure go if he can get hold of it, by fair means or foul."

His wife patiently acquiesced in this new vagary, and followed on behind, reaching the house in time to see the queer assortment hang in single file on the walls of the collector's den. The collector himself stood in an attitude of attention, with his eyeglass in hand, trying to catch the light from every point of view.

He had been ashamed to show his inability to detect chef d'oeuvre in the auction room, and had seen no way out of the dilemma but to buy the whole lot. Now, for the same reason, he disliked to display ignorance in the matter to his wife, so he decided to take the

## Bedfellowship.

### The Time When Girls Exchange Confidences.

After the prolonged separation of a year when girl school chums meet again, they are apt to put off all conversation of intimate and private matters until bed-time. Then reviving dormitory days of old they open their hearts and tell the secrets accumulated in twelve long months. And some of these confidences are very sad. It is sad when the girl who was a crack at tennis, could pull an oar and swing a golf club has to admit that she has given up all those things because her back aches so incessantly. The pity is that such break-downs are so common among young women. They will continue to be common and to increase in frequency until the girl is taught that the stability of the general health is founded on the local womanly health.

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first opportunity of consulting privately some authority on the subject, and defer a settlement of matters until then.

The sifting of expert testimony took time. It necessitated a great deal of expenditure in the hiring of correct evidence, and lengthy search for data and reliable information. The dozen slowly dwindled down to six, to four, then to one. History, scholarship and art united in giving to this last the divine touch of the master hand.

"You see, my dear, I was not rash," he confided later to his wife. "Not only did I hesitate to trust my own judgment, although I may humbly say that I have given considerable study to this subject, but I waited until I could secure indisputable proof of the authenticity of this painting. That, I have now obtained. I wonder, now, that I could have hesitated for a moment. Note the breadth of outline, the delicacy of touch—that curve—those matchless flesh tints. Can you not mark a faint trace of the head—an arm—a hand—the very suspicion of a waist outline?"

Mrs. Wade saw only a daub of dull brown on a dark indistinguishable background, with a smattering of varnish over all, but she did not dare to utter this blasphemy aloud.

A month later they were passing the auction room, and seeing that some sale was in progress, Mr. Wellington Wade could not resist the fascination of crossing the charmed portals, although today it was principally old manuscripts and book-lore, a department in which he had not yet had the temerity to dabble.

The ruddy-faced auctioneer recognized, at once, a possible customer, and stopped on his way with an armful of volumes to give a brusque greeting and the suggestion that he should take a look around at the collection.

"By the way, what did you do with that job lot of paintings you got here a short time ago? I did not know but you were going to start a picture store."

Mr. Wade met the auctioneer's inquiry with a knowing smile.

"Oh, I had an object—not quite that—but—"

"So I had supposed," returned the auctioneer, as he shifted his bundle from one arm to the other, "Though what it was, I couldn't make out. Of course, being used to those things,

you knew the whole lot wasn't worth a rap, so I racked my brains to guess what you were up to. We had a gem of a Greuze come in the collection, but that went at a private sale, an hour beforehand. I was offered such a big lump I couldn't afford to let it go. Not running away? Don't you want something in vellum or calf? We can give you a bargain."

Mr. Wade slowly shook his head. His lips were gray with a sudden pallor. His wife stepped forward to shield him, and the auctioneer hurried off with a cheery nod.

The collector stood for a while, listening to the sharp monotone—

"2—2.20—3—make it 4, madame—make it 4—"

He seemed stunned by the shock of some sudden discovery. As he turned mechanically to leave, his wild, wondering gaze caught sight of a well-known figure, standing in the background, following the bids diligently. It was his opponent for the famous original! Could it be possible that this connoisseur had been deceived like himself? He was evidently a book worm, as well as a virtuoso. He turned to a person standing near by.

"Can you tell me who the gentleman is who has just bid—the one with a catalogue in his hand—the right?"

The stranger followed his glance, and then laughed significantly.

"Oh, he? Why, that's the auction-room crank. He isn't just right, you know. Wants to bid on everything. Nobody pays any attention to what he says—they just humor him. He's deaf, too. If you notice sharp you'll see that he chirps in after the auctioneer, every time."

Mr. Wellington Wade looked steadily at the stranger for a moment; then he suddenly slipped away out of sight, without a glance at his wife, who had studiously kept her eyes in the opposite direction.

The following week, Mrs. Wade was returning home from market. As she reached the house she saw an express wagon standing in front of the door, while several men in overalls, were conveying the precious treasures of her husband's collection down the steps and depositing them very carefully in the cart. Their owner, who naturally might have been expected to appear in a distracted state of mind at sight of this sacrilegious proceeding, stood on the front porch, watching their movements with indifferent eyes.

"Why, Wellington, what does this mean?" his wife managed to gasp out, as her bewildered gaze travelled from the costly heap of venerable heirlooms to the placid countenance of their once proud possessor.

"Don't be alarmed, dear," and he drew her into the dismantled drawing-room and shut the door. "I have sold them all—every blessed one of the old traps, to the—Museum. You're all the treasure I want! Do you think I don't know how to appreciate a wife who is too loyal even to smile when her husband has made a fool of himself!"

## Cheating Toonook.

### An Incident in the Arctic.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY ALEC VICNOR.



THE extreme northern portion of Alaska, bordering upon the Arctic Ocean, is a barren, rocky and treeless waste, sustaining little life of any kind, and given over to eternal snow and ice of the polar regions. It is inhabited by a race of people called Nakooruks, who live mainly along the coast. They are but few in number, and rapidly decreasing every year, so that it is doubtless but a short time before they will be extinct entirely.

The Nakooruks are not true Esquimaux. Though closely allied

to them, they nevertheless differ from them in many particulars. They do not build a house of snow, but occupy a skin tent during the summer, called a "toopick", and their winter house is the "igloo", consisting of an excavation in the ground roofed over with driftwood or whalebone and covered with stones and earth; but it has the underground approach similar to the hut of the true Esquimaux.

The life of the Nakooruks is very simple. They have no government, no laws, no organizations, and no enterprises; no rulers and no set customs. Nevertheless they live happily and peacefully for the most part, spending their time in hunting and fishing and sitting about their hearthstone, which consists of an oil lamp made of a long wooden trench.

They are remarkably free from vice and crime, and not even polygamy is common among them. One writer who spent much time in this uninviting region some years ago when their tribe was more numerous than at present as-



sports that he heard of but one Nakooruk who had more than one wife.

When a Nakooruk man wants a wife, the custom is for him to purchase the object of his choice from her parents, but the price demanded is not usually one which would necessitate starting out in matrimony a bankrupt. Girls who are so unfortunate as to be without parents marry whoever they please, and indeed are expected to support and care for themselves until marriage, yet no objection is raised to their presence, and they may take up an abode with whatever family they choose, but in this case must be purchased upon marriage.

These people are all superstitious, constantly resorting to all sorts of charms and conjuring to drive away evil spirits, and especially "Toonook", the chief evil spirit, or devil. To avoid him they resort to all kinds of devices, pronounce incantations, wear charmed beads upon their clothing which their "medicine men" have endowed with the power of driving him away, and offer gifts, that the great terror of their lives may be appeased; and anyone supposed to have offended Toonook is regarded with the utmost horror.

Some years ago it was reported that the coast of Alaska bordering upon the Arctic Ocean was rich in coal veins of great depth and value, and I was sent out by a company of capitalists to investigate the matter and report as to the feasibility of mining it. During my explorations I necessarily mingled with the Nakooruks, and my every move was the wonder and curiosity of an ever increasing company which constantly followed me about.

During my stay among these people, in some way the idea became prevalent among them that Toonook had been offended by some occurrence, they knew not what, and that it would be necessary to appease him. For some days great excitement prevailed among them, and whispered consultations were constantly being held, the meaning of which I could not understand, but imagine my surprise on learning from the guide that I had brought with me from Point Barrow that an offering was to be made of a most revolting character.

From what he told me I gathered that he knew it to be a custom among these people, at times of the greatest apprehension on account of Toonook, to offer him portions of a human body to quiet his ill will, and on one occasion which he could remember, an old woman having died unaccountably, which was attributed to his anger, as a ceremony of respect toward him that he might not afflict the tribe farther, four aged women were chosen from among them, who after having blackened their faces, were to open the body of the dead woman, remove her heart, and marching with it to the seashore cast it upon the waves as an offering to this offended spirit.

Now there was among the Nakooruks at the time of my visit a not uncommon young woman by the name of Tanooli. She was so unfortunate as to have lost her parents in childhood, but had taken up a residence with one of the families of the tribe, and was regarded as one of them, according to their custom. It had not escaped my notice that my guide had at once been much impressed with the charms of this young woman, and from the first it was evident that he was intending to purchase her with trinkets and so on which I had promised him in return for his services, and which it would be necessary for him to do to gain her, on account of her long residence with an adopted family.

The story of my guide was that no one having died in the tribe recently, he feared that they might do her violence, she being friendless. Whether this was the unjustifiable fear of a jealous lover, or a ruse of some kind on the part of this seemingly simple native, I did not know. I had never known or heard of human sacrifice being practiced among the Esquimaux, but I nevertheless agreed to do what I could to rescue the young woman from the fate which he seemed to think was awaiting her.

The question then was, how should I go about it? If we should take the girl by force and carry her off, the natives would at once doubtless follow in pursuit, and as they were possessed of wonderful powers of endurance, would easily overtake us, in which case it might go hard with all of us.

At length I hit upon an idea which I thought worth trying, at any rate, and through the assistance of my guide as interpreter and with such few words of their language as I could speak, I informed them that I had been given to understand that Toonook had become offended with them, and that they were about making him a peace offering. I suggested that it was my belief that their offended deity would be much more pleased with some of the trinkets which I had in my luggage than anything else, and ended by offering to purchase Tanooli, that they might present the proceeds to Toonook.

My offer was readily accepted, and I gave as a price for the young woman a handful of bright beads and a hatchet, of the value in all of about fifty cents. The beads, I noticed, disappeared unaccountably almost at once, but the hatchet was borne to the water's edge after many incantations and with great ceremony, and cast into the waves for Toonook.

Thus I assured myself that I had settled the whole affair most satisfactorily, and was congratulating myself with not a little pride on my shrewdness and diplomacy, when a new state of affairs presented itself which put an entirely new aspect upon the matter. Having purchased Tanooli she was now my wife, according to the customs of the Nakooruks, and nothing would do but that I must take her as my wife at once.

Now the reader must be informed that there chanced to be a certain fair haired young lady back in the city of Chicago, whose image was stamped indelibly for all time upon my heart and mind, so that for this reason above every other a Nakooruk bride was out of the question with me. Add to this the fact that my guide, at the turn which affairs had taken, quite unexpectedly to him, was sulking about in a manner and with a look which boded no good for me, and certainly no peace of mind for him. It was evident that he would not part with his intended bride without a struggle, at least.

Again I was compelled to put my powers to the test, and commanding my companion to pack up our things for an immediate departure, I began bidding the Nakooruks an affectionate farewell, and conducting myself as though I was about to start on my long journey home again. My new wife I placed upon my sledges and tucked her in with many robes and furs; my tent was struck and packed behind her, and the dogs which composed my train captured and fastened in the harness. I then cracked my whip about their ears, and away

we went at as fast a pace as I could command running beside the leader, while my native assistant followed doggedly on behind, scarcely knowing what to say or do, in his chagrin and disappointment.

The Nakooruks waved their adieus to us, and were slow in following after, as I hoped they might be, and indeed could not have broken camp at once, being taken by surprise at the suddenness of my departure. A light snow was on the ground, having recently fallen, and we made such good time that within an hour we had covered fully eight or ten miles, and were well out of the way of our possible followers.

I then called a halt, and motioning the native to the side of the sledge, performed, as best I was able, the marriage ceremony according to our customs between him and the object of his affections. When I explained to him the meaning of my words his joy knew no bounds. I could scarcely make him realize it, for it all seemed to him too good to be true, and I could tell from the way he looked at me that he regarded me as simple minded to have parted with such a prize.

I continued my explorations for a month longer, the bride and groom assisting me in my work, but no trouble arose among the Nakooruks over the exchange of grooms in the marriage ceremony, it having escaped their knowledge and attention. Thus Toonook was cheated out of all but a hatchet, and the Point Barrow native got a wife for nothing. I often wonder what he would have thought if he could have seen the blushing American bride which I led to the altar, not long after my return to Chicago!

### Settled Out of Court.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY M. B. THRASHER.

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JOHN Ruggles swung himself from the platform of a country station onto the steps of one of the cars of a New York bound train just as the train started. He waved his hand to a little group of persons standing on the platform.

"Good by! Good by! Good Luck!" they cried.

"Thank you!" he shouted back, his eyes shining with excitement and pleasure.

"Good by!" The young man stood looking back until the station and the water tank and the freight house, all so familiar to his eyes, had slipped out of sight.

When he turned to enter the passenger coach he saw that it was crowded. Every seat seemed full. The car ahead was the smoker. It did not seem to be so crowded. He walked up the aisle. One half a double seat with a card table in the middle was empty, and putting his bag in the rack, the boy, for he was little more than that, sat down.

A brakeman, coming down the aisle, laid some telegraph blanks on the table.

"Here's your blanks, sir," he said.

The man who was sitting in the other half of the seat smoothed out a crumpled telegram on the table and read it over and over. Then he glanced questioning out from under heavy eyebrows towards the face of the young man who had sat down opposite him. He was a large man with massive shoulders, and a hand so big that it could almost have covered the piece of yellow paper on the table from sight.

"I say," he finally asked of his seatmate, "do you happen to have a pencil about you?"

Ruggles had been looking out of the car window.

"I think I have," he said, turning to see who had spoken to him. He took a pencil from his pocket and handed it across the table.

The man took the pencil in his left hand, but made no attempt to use it. He twisted around in the seat and read the telegram over once more.

"I say," he began again, leaning over the seat and speaking in a low voice, "I wonder if you would do me the favor of writing a few words for me."

"The fact is," he added, "I've hurt my right hand so I can't use it."

Ruggles noticed for the first time, then, that the man was keeping his right hand in his coat pocket.

"Certainly," the boy said. "What is it?"

The man pushed the blanks and the pencil towards him. "I got a line at A—," he said, "wanting an answer. If I don't send it from the next stopping place it won't get to New York in time." He leaned still further over the table and gave an address. Ruggles wrote it down.

"No. Can't do it," the man dictated. "Right hand knocked out. No good for four weeks."

"Read that over," he said, "low."

Ruggles read it.

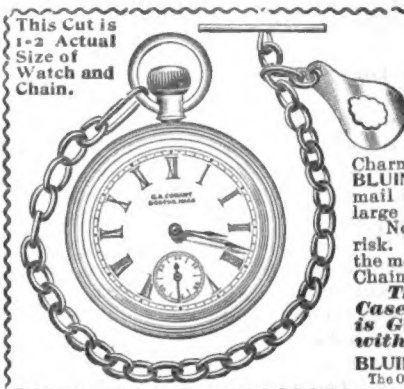
"All right," was the comment. "No, sign it."

In spite of himself Ruggles started back and stared at the man sitting opposite to him. The name he had given was that of the most famous prize fighter in America, the world's champion at that time.

"Sh—," said the man fumbling awkwardly in his vest pocket with his left hand. "Keep it mum," he added, and laid a \$20 bill on the table in front of his companion.

"Keep your money," the boy said, pushing the bill back across the table, his face flushing. "I hope I can do a man a favor without being paid for it."

"Besides," he added, "I'm real glad to have a chance to see one I've read so much about. Of course I don't believe in prize fighting," he



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went on. "I mean I don't think," he stammered, realizing the impoliteness of what he had said. "Or rather, I don't mean—"

"That's all right, boy. Never mind. We can't all be alike," the man said, smiling, but his own face, ruddy as it had been before, flushed a deeper shade. "Sign the message; and then I wonder if you'd step off at this station we are coming to and send it for me. I don't like to trust the brakeman."

"Sure," said the young man. "Glad to do it."

Three hours later the train had pulled into the Grand Central Station and the passengers were crowding out towards 42nd street.

"I leave you here, I reckon," the champion said, reaching out his left hand. "Remember, now, if ever I can do anything for you, let me know. Good by."

John Ruggles had come to New York—as thousands of young men had come before him, as thousands will come after him—to seek that fortune which every honest, ambitious young man may rightfully believe the world holds for him. He was better prepared for the attempt than many of the candidates, and he realized that fact. He had youth, health, strength, a fair education, and money enough to support him economically for two or three months if he did not get work at once. How fortunate he really was he realized even better, later, when a month had passed and he had not yet got work. It was a warm autumn. People were coming back to the city late that year. Business was slow to start up. Nobody seemed to want to hire more help just then.

The young countryman did not care so very much. His money held out well, and he believed that the knowledge of New York which he was getting would be of service to him sometime. He felt that he knew the city pretty well, now, and smiled sometimes to himself, as he thought how much he could tell the fellows back at home about streets, squares, buildings, people and places which once had been only mysterious names to him.

One unusually warm evening he had been tempted to sit out on one of the benches in Madison Square Park later than he had ever stayed there before. Some of the city's myriad lights had been put out, and the street car loads of returning theater goers had gone home. One by one the men who had spent the evening in the park, and who had homes to go to, had begun to disappear in the darkness; and a policeman had made one round to batter awake the homeless ones who planned to spend the night on the park benches.

A stout man on one end of the bench on which Ruggles sat had been asleep for an hour, his chin drooping forward on his chest. A slim young fellow with thin sharp face, sauntering along the walk with his hands in his pockets, dropped down on an adjoining bench on the other side, stretched his arms above his head and yawned sleepily.

"Can you tell me what time it is?" he asked, turning towards Ruggles.

Swish! Thud!

Three minutes later the young countryman had struggled upright on the seat again, and was pulling out of his mouth a coarse handkerchief which had been wadded into it.

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who had seemed to be sound asleep on the other end of the bench. The young man's first thought was to try to follow the thieves, to shout to the police, to give an alarm; but a moment later a sense of shame at having been made such an easy victim made him hesitate.

He dropped back upon the bench to think what was to be done. He had absolutely no money left. The week for which his room rent had been paid ended that night. He had always paid in advance, but perhaps he could get credit for a week. He had some extra clothes which he could pawn and get money for food. He knew enough about the city, now, to know how often people had to do that. One thing was sure. He would have to walk home, that night, and he had better be about it. He started, going up Broadway.

Midnight though it was, Broadway was still crowded with well-dressed men and women, and brilliant with lights which would have put the tales of Scheherazade to shame. Ruggles walked along, deadly homesick, thinking how different it all looked to him then from what it would have looked an hour before, when he had been happy. What a fool he had been. That was what cut worst, after all.

Suddenly he saw before him, clear cut in electric lights which stretched from the roof to the door of a four story building, a line of huge letters which spelled out the name of the man who had sat opposite to him that day in the train. In and out through the swinging doors of the gorgeous saloon beneath the sign, men were constantly passing. Ruggles had seen the sign many times before, but never had been into the building, and had not seen the champion since that day on the train.

Now the man's words came back to him. "If ever I can do anything for you, let me know."

He hesitated, walked past the place twice on the opposite side of Broadway, and then crossed the street and went in. The brilliant lights, the mirrored walls, the glistening glasses, the crowds of men, the smoke, confused him for a moment. He never had been in such a place before.

"What's yours?" one of the white clad men behind the bar asked him, as he set a bottle back in its place.

"Nothing," said Ruggles. "I want to see Mr.—Is he here?"

The man looked at him curiously. "Yes, he's here," he said, "but he's engaged. What do you want?"

"I want to see him," Ruggles persisted. "Where is he?"

"In back, there," was the answer, and the speaker pointed to an inner room, partly curtained off from the front part of the saloon.

Ruggles pushed past the curtains into a richly carpeted room. Big stuffed chairs, upholstered in fragrant leather, were grouped around tables at which men were smoking and drinking. The softly shaded lights flashed back from more big diamonds than the country boy had ever seen before. At one of the tables sat the man whom he had seen on the train. Ruggles touched him on the shoulder.

"May I speak with you alone?" he said.

The man looked up, wondering, at first. Then a light of recognition came into his face.

"Sure," he said. "Sure. Glad to see you. Where have you been all this time? Come this way," and then, as he rose to lead the way to an empty corner, "Excuse me, boys."

The story was an awkward one to tell, but Ruggles waded through it. The man listening to him swore softly to himself two or three times, but made no other interruption until the boy was finished. Then, with his broad back turned to the room so that no one could see what he was doing, he pressed a bill into the boy's hand.

"Take that for now," he said. "Call it you borrow it, if you want to. You can pay it back some time. It ain't the money we mind, though. It's being done up that way, that cuts. Now listen. Would you know them beats again?"

"I think so. Yes, I know I'd know the big fellow. I saw a scar on his cheek, when the beam of the search light swept down through the park."

"Good," said the man. "That's the one we want. The other was only a pigeon." Then he leaned forward in his chair and talked to Ruggles for several minutes in a low voice. "You understand?" he asked, when he straightened back in his chair. "You know what to do?"

"Yes," replied the boy. "And thank you ever so much." Then he said good night, and went out.

Every night after that, Ruggles, wearing a false moustache and different clothes from those he had worn the night he had been robbed, haunted Madison Square. It was not long before his search was rewarded. Late one evening the same stout man lounged down on to a bench and apparently went to sleep, just as he had done before.

Half an hour later, Ruggles and a large man wearing a long overcoat and a slouch hat sauntered up the walk and took seats on each side of the sleeping man. The Square was almost deserted. Watching for a time when the walk from one end to the other was free from passers by, the man in the slouch hat reached out his arms and gathered the sleeper into an embrace like that of a hydraulic press.

"It's all right," he hissed into the captive's ear, when the latter would have freed himself.

"You'll keep quiet all right enough. You know you don't want any row, just as well as anybody else. There'd be more than this boy to make you trouble if you did." Ruggles had pulled off the moustache. "We'll just see what you've got left of his."

The man bit his lips until they bled.

"The ticket for the watch is in my vest pocket," he finally said.

The champion held the thief's hand and directed Ruggles to the pocket, where he found a yellow pawn ticket.

"How about the money?"

"I spent it," the man said sullenly.

"Of course. But I reckon you've got more by this time. Where is it?" The words were accompanied by a squeeze such as a grizzly bear might have given.

The thief swore with pain. "In my trousers pocket," he said.

From the bills which he took from that pocket, Ruggles, directed by his companion, counted out as much as had been stolen from him, and put the rest back.

"Git!" said the champion, letting his prisoner go. "Better let my friends alone, after this."

A little later, in the light of a Broadway electric, the young man paid back the bill which the man had lent him a few days before, and tried to tell him how much he thanked him.

"That's all right," said the man. "I owed you one, anyway. I say," he added, "let me help you more. I can give you a good job in that place of mine, any day. Good pay, too."

"Thank you," said the young man. "Thank you very much. You're very kind, but I don't think—I mean I'm afraid I shouldn't want to." He stammered again, and stopped.

"I see," said the man, after a minute, speaking slowly, but not unkindly. "I see. I understand. It's not the kind of a place you're looking for."

He reached out his hand and closed that of the boy in its strong clasp.

"It's all right. I hope we can be friends, all the same. Come and see me sometimes. I promise it sha'n't hurt you, and perhaps it'll do me good."

A minute later he had swung himself on to a cable car and was being whirled off up Broadway.

#### Four Fatal Words.

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#### MURDERED IN HIS OWN HOUSE! PRESIDENT LEEDS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK! NO CLEW TO THE ASSASSIN!



THE above startling headlines appeared in a New York paper under the date of November 23, 1893, and following this was a detailed account of one of the most mysterious murders with which the police had dealt in years.

It seemed that the aged president of the bank was alone in his library, presumably passing a pleasant evening among his books. Other mem-

bers of the family had gone to the theater, the servants, as was their custom, remaining in a remote part of the house. No one was seen to enter or leave the house during the evening, yet shortly before eleven o'clock the banker was found dead before the fireplace, an ugly bullet hole indicating the instrument of death.

Until within a few months of the tragedy there had been in Mr. Leeds' employ, acting in the capacity of butler, a man of the name of Haley. This man had been discharged for some irregularity and threats which he had made within hearing of members of the family and others, caused the finger of suspicion to be pointed to him. Within twelve hours of the discovery of the murder this man was arrested, and being unable to give a satisfactory account of himself and his whereabouts on the night of the tragedy, he was committed to the toms.

Neil Hessmer, the detective assigned to the case, secured considerable evidence that pointed strongly to Haley as the murderer, and it was believed that the suspected man would find it difficult to clear himself.

From servants in the employ of Mrs. Leeds it was found that Haley had been seen in the city only once, so far as known, since the day that he was discharged from service. Unfortunately for Haley, this was just at twilight the day that the crime was committed. When searched at headquarters a revolver was found upon his person of the same calibre as that used by the assassin, and this coupled with the fact that he was unwilling or unable to account for the hours between six o'clock and midnight on that fatal day, constituted a large share of the evidence against the man.

Meanwhile, another detective, John Fanshawe, whose services had been secured by Mrs. Leeds, was at work on the case, following up an entirely different clew of which Neil Hessmer had not the slightest knowledge.

"The morning following my husband's death that parrot said a most remarkable thing," said Mrs. Leeds, talking the case over with Fanshawe, indicating a large parrot that hung in the library. "Only once since the tragedy has the bird spoken, and then it was so loud and spiteful that it frightened the maid so that she will have nothing to do with this room. 'Crapo, I know you!' that was what the bird said and he screamed so loudly that I heard it myself at the other end of the house."

"Did you think that it had some bearing upon the case?" queried the detective.

"Yes, I believe it has a direct bearing upon it. The name is an odd one and the instant I heard it, it flashed upon me where I had heard the name before. Years ago my husband brought about the arrest of a man of the name of Rufus Crapo, and as a result this man served time in prison. I have not seen him from that day to this, but the thought occurred to me that Crapo, prompted by a feeling of revenge, was the man that murdered my husband."

"Where did this man live when arrested?" asked the detective, making notes of what was said.

"In Chicago; I do not know the street."

"His business?"

"He was watchman at the bank with which my husband was connected at that time."

That evening Detective Fanshawe took the midnight express for Chicago, arriving at his destination on time the following day. It was his intention to hunt up Crapo, and if he succeeded in locating him, arrest the man on suspicion.

From the authorities the detective learned that Crapo had served a five years' sentence at Joliet; had returned to Chicago at the end of that time and till within about three years had been drifting about the city from place to place, usually acting in the capacity of servant. Three years since, however, he had suddenly dropped out of sight, and when the detective attempted to locate him he found there was absolutely no trace of the man in the city. After a week of fruitless search, he gave up the quest,

convinced that his man was either dead or living elsewhere than in Chicago.

Upon reaching New York, the detective learned of something that interested him at once. It was information furnished him by the agent of an express company, the first interesting and important clew that he had run across since his interview with Mrs. Leeds. The name R. Crapo was written upon one of the books of the company, indicating the address for delivering a valise.

Going to the street and number given by the express agent, the detective learned that a gentleman of that name had engaged a room there about a fortnight previous and remained three days; since then, however, he had not been seen and his valise still remained in his room.

Having shown his authority, the detective was permitted to examine the contents of the valise, and the first thing that he saw convinced him that he was on the right track—it was a box of cartridges of the same calibre as that used by the murderer. Next, he found a letter addressed to Josiah Haley, the man now under arrest and being tried for murder. How did Crapo come by this letter, and why had he failed to return for his property when his grip contained such damaging testimony against him?

For a time the detective worked in the dark, as it were, searching the city for Crapo, but three days from the time that he located Crapo's last lodging-place before committing the murder, as he firmly believed he had done, light broke, and the detective called himself several very uncomplimentary names for not seeing the point at the start.

Meanwhile the trial of Josiah Haley was drawing to a close and in spite of the determined efforts of the state's attorney to convict the man, it seemed more than probable that Haley would escape through lack of positive evidence.

It was the last day of the trial. Suddenly a stranger was seen elbowing his way through the crowd of men and women, and coming before the judges, asked to be sworn in.

"Nearly two decades since," said the new witness, addressing the jury, "a young man employed by a bank in Chicago stole several hundred dollars of the bank's funds, and on evidence of the cashier he was apprehended and sent to prison for a term of five years. Having served his time, this young man went to work, securing the position of hostler, his employer being one of the wealthy men of the city. From place to place he drifted, unable to hold any position for long, and the while a thought rankled within his breast, a hungering for revenge, a desire to wreak vengeance upon the man who brought him to justice."

"Finally he succeeded in locating the man whom he hated, and changed as he was in appearance, for many years had elapsed since he first entered the prison, he succeeded in securing the position of butler in the home of the man against whom he was plotting."

"Two years this man planned and plotted until finally the night came that he put his plans in execution. The master of the house had discharged him some months previous, but that did not hinder the carrying out of his murderous intentions, in fact it facilitated matters. Other members of the family were absent, and stealthily entering the house by an entrance he knew too well, the assassin suddenly confronted the aged man. The banker looked up from his book and saw his former butler before him; but not only did he see Josiah Haley, but Rufus Crapo as well, at last penetrating the disguise of years."

"Crapo, I know you!" he cried, and an instant later the murder was committed.

"Arresting Haley, Crapo was arrested; trying Haley, Crapo has been tried; convicting Haley, you will convict Crapo, the murderer of Henry A. Leeds."

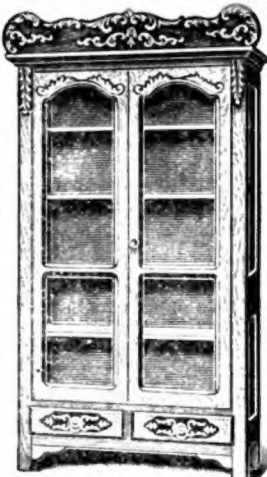
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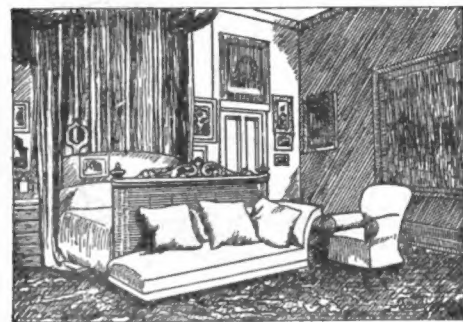
## The Late Queen Victoria.

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VERY few people are alive today who were born when Queen Victoria was crowned Queen of Great Britain. Her reign has been the longest of any English monarch, extending as it has over a period of sixty years; and history fails to record in the annals of any country a monarch who, as a whole, has reigned with more justice, enlightenment and progress than Her Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and Empress of India.

The death of Queen Victoria took place shortly after noon on Tuesday, January 22nd of this year, after an illness extending at the most only a few days, and which culminated in a



THE ROOM IN WHICH THE QUEEN DIED.

stroke of apoplexy the Friday previous to her death. On Saturday the news was sent all over the world, which prepared the world for the closing event of this wonderful life; and through Sunday and Monday it was known that Her Majesty was within the valley of the shadow, so that the end on Tuesday was no surprise, it being recognized that her holding out was a mere question of intense vitality.

So full have been the newspaper accounts of the decease of the Queen, and the consequent and subsequent accession to authority of him who has been so long known as the Prince of Wales, Albert Edward, who was proclaimed King Edward VII. upon the day of the death of the Queen, that it is inadvisable to enter into any extended account of these latter days; but it seems fitting to briefly narrate the principal events of this long and distinguished reign, and more especially from the fact that the monarch was a woman and within the period of her reign, for the first time in the history of civilization, womanhood has taken its proper place and proper rights in the social sphere, and that its advancement has been contemporaneous with the life of this one royal person. It is an event in history which should impress itself deeply upon all those who are able to comprehend it, as being an event marking the termination of one of the most celebrated reigns in the whole annals of history.

Queen Victoria was born May 24, 1819, and at that time was not looked upon as being a probable successor to the throne; but a series of deaths brought her as heir to the throne, on June 20, 1837. A year after that date, June 28, 1838, she was crowned with great demonstration and ceremony in Westminster Abbey. At that time the first steamship had crossed the Atlantic Ocean at a date almost identical with her inauguration. She entered her reign with Lord Melbourne as Prime Minister, and the first year was much taken up with a war which was being carried on in India. In 1840 she married Prince Albert, who was thereafter known as the Prince Consort. It is the most remarkable phase of Victoria's long reign, notwithstanding that she was a potentate of the most important country in the world, that she grew steadily in grace and favor with the people, and through the whole she appealed not only to her own countrymen but to the citizens of the whole world more in the character of the mother and wife than as Queen. It is hardly remembered as a possible thing at this day that her accession to the throne was by no means popular, and threatened at its commencement very serious difficulties.

Only in the death of our own Lincoln can we see any appreciation of the sincere and heartfelt sorrow, deep concern, and great sympathy, and a sense of personal loss among all people as has followed the death of Queen Victoria. Her marriage to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg, was brought about largely through her uncle, King Leopold. The Prince was of attractive personality, handsome, cultivated, and most unselfish and engaging. Their marriage without doubt was one of pure affection rather than royal convenience. It is said that throughout his life his whole heart was given to the Queen, and he worked for and thought of nothing else. At that time Parliament and the British people acted toward them ungraciously in allowances, but their love grew and strengthened with every day. The subsequent publication of Victoria's book, giving the Prince Consort's private letters, threw a light upon his character that showed to the world his true worth as a man.



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The happiness of the home was a particular trait in which Queen Victoria thoroughly exemplified a natural characteristic of her people, and it was realized in the two country seats, Osborne, where she died, and Balmoral, a castle in Scotland. Osborne was an estate on the Isle of Wight which, by chance, the Prince Consort happened upon as an attractive marine resort. Together they laid out the grounds and a model farm, and between this home and Balmoral most of their time was spent in domestic care and improvement, the same as people in the ordinary walks of life. Their married life was twenty-one years, and the Prince Consort's demise left her inconsolable.

To attempt to give any part of the historical view of her reign would be giving the world's history of more than half a century. It has been a reign partly peaceful, but interspersed with wars of serious moment, and closing with the unsuppressed war in South Africa. Nothing can indicate more clearly the immense extension of the territory owned by England. In 1837, it owned British North America, English Guiana, and the continent of Australia, and a small portion of India. To-day it owns not only all of these, but the entire country through India, and a large portion of the African continent, besides a majority of the islands in the Pacific.

In the year 1876 the Queen was proclaimed Empress of India in London, which title has since been one of the principal names attached to the crown.

The most noticeable event, probably of her life, was the tremendous demonstration in the year 1897 on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Naval and military displays, with ships and troops in every part of the Queen's dominions throughout the world, served to enhance the enthusiasm of the British people and give a display unequalled in the rejoicings of any nation of which we have any history. As was stated at the beginning of this short article, the public press has given the world such ample accounts that it seems scarcely necessary to add any review of either the Queen's reign or the later events. The present King, Edward VII., is one of the very few princes of royal blood that have ever visited the United States. In 1860 the Queen gave her royal assent to the Prince of Wales visiting the north British provinces, and it soon afterwards became known through the newspaper press.

President Buchanan in June, 1860, when it became known that the Prince of Wales was



ONE OF THE QUEEN'S LATEST PORTRAITS.

planning a visit to Canada, wrote to Queen Victoria inviting him to come to the United States. Her unaffected and cordial reply indicated her good will to the United States.

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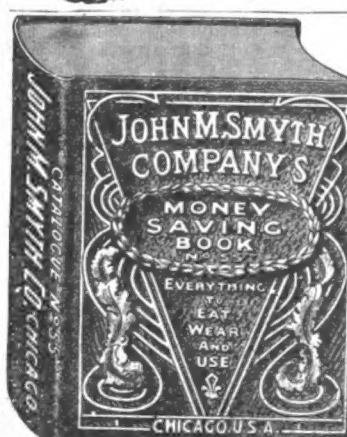
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**R**EADERS of this column having no more than a ten by twelve back yard, may yet have something of a garden. Indeed, one may have something of a flower garden without either a front or a back yard. A well filled and well cared for window box can be made to produce a great many flowers. The writer once saw a fine flower garden on the flat gravel roof of a house in the tenement part of a city. If, however, you have plenty of ground at your disposal you may have such flowers as you care to grow, and have them in abundance if you will but give them faithful and intelligent care.

In recent years there has been a return to the lovely old flowers of our grandmothers' days in flower gardening, and beautiful flowers they are. Nothing could be more daintily exquisite than the Sweet Pea once so dear to our grandmothers. It is an easily grown flower and is free from insects, but it must be planted very early to make sure of doing its best. One can and should sow seeds of the Sweet Pea just as soon as the frost is out of the ground. This will be by the first of April in even the northern climate. The small, velvety looking brown seeds have remarkable vitality, and a little freezing of the surface of the ground after the seeds are sown will not hurt them in the least. Be sure and sow the seeds at least five inches deep. It is a good plan to dig a trench about six inches deep and sow in it a double row of seeds covering them to a depth of about two and a half inches at first, and filling in the rest of the trench as the plants grow. This will make the plants stronger at the roots. Early planting enables the Sweet Pea to become a strong and thrifty plant before the extreme heat of summer sets in. It is sensitive to the heat, and it is a great drinker. Give it water in great quantities. Do not allow it to become dry around the roots or its vitality will depart not to return. When you see your Sweet Peas turning yellow just above the ground you may be sure that they are suffering from a lack of moisture at the roots. It is difficult to restore them to their former vigor after the vines have once begun to turn yellow. Do not let the flowers form seed pods or the bloom will soon cease entirely. Pick the bloom at least every other day.



SHIRLEY POPPY.

A flower of somewhat recent origin is the Shirley Poppy. One cannot do better than to have a bed of these Poppies if one wants something that will make a brilliant and constant display in the flower garden. A small package of seeds will sow quite a large bed, and the number of flowers such a bed will produce is surprising. And it may be that no two of the flowers will be just alike. They are apt to be of every conceivable tint and hue. I once saw a small bed in which there were more than one hundred blossoms, and no two were alike. They were infinite in variety, and it would have been hard to say which was the most beautiful. If you have never had any experience with this beautiful little flower give it a place in your flower garden this summer and it will be sure to delight you.

The Morning Glory is another old-fashioned flower that has again come into favor. It is no longer spoken of as "such a common flower," and there are some new varieties that are extremely beautiful. The Japanese Morning Glories grow like weeds, and send forth thousands of beautiful blossoms. Nothing is better for the lattice work of porches or to grow on a trellis of any kind than the Morning Glory. It makes very rapid growth, and a five-cent package of seeds will give you hundreds of blossoms. Give the seeds ordinary garden soil, plenty of water in times of drouth, and you will have flowers galore.

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CANNIA.

or white flowers when the other flowers have had their day. The Victoria is a good variety to grow. It grows taller and is more prolific in bloom than many of the low-growing kinds.

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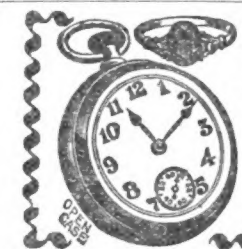
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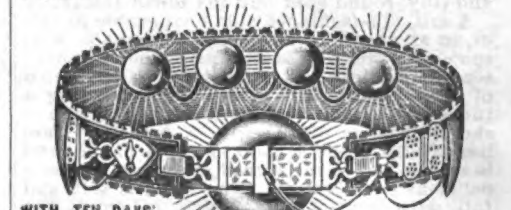
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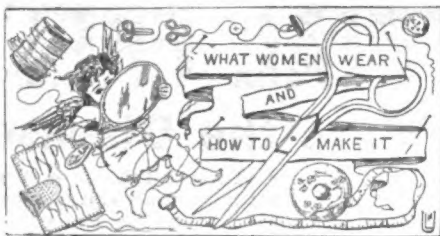
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COMMONSENSE is coming more and more to the fore in the matter of dress with the result that no one style predominates either in the way of head-gear coats, skirts or boots. It also shows itself in its approval of the healthful, erect figure, neither too much given over to flesh nor yet too scrawny. Just the supple plump sort of woman who is not afraid of exercise or her bath; who does not pinch her waist or make herself otherwise uncomfortable; and who can consequently carry herself with grace and wear her "things" with an ease and freedom denied her more slavish sisters. Far more attention is given to the artistic in dress than to the really fashionable, affording a limited

less range for the tasteful woman. Rich or exaggerated dress does not imply attractiveness in its best sense. A woman of good carriage is far more pleasing to look upon, in her plain black tailor-made gown, with the well-cut skirt, and graceful, rather loose jacket, her small, flat toque, her tastefully arranged throat hands and feet, than the woman in velvet and costly furs if the latter are badly chosen and she is naturally devoid of style.

The newest skirts, nearly all of them, are made with separate silk lining, trimmed with a dust ruffle 5 inches wide underneath, and an accordion-pleated flounce 9 inches wide on top. There is a strong preference for the softest of silks and satins for dress linings, they cling to the figure so nicely. These clinging linings are especially useful to stout women, and are often substituted for a petticoat. I know a young woman whose hips are rather too large for real beauty, who never wears a petticoat except, of course, with a thin gown, depending on the silk lining of her skirts to fill the deficiency.

There is a rumor that spring styles are to be simpler, skirts plainer and waists not so lavishly decorated, still this seems hardly likely when one sees the models which have already reached this side and which are marvels of daintiness and elegance and perfect wonders of hand work. French knots, such as are used in embroidery are lavished on waists and coats regardless of the time necessary to do them. One dainty use to which they are put is to dot the panne border on a tucked silk bolero. This border consists of a band of black panne velvet put irregularly along the edge and feather-stitched onto the silk with coarse gold thread, this same thread being used to dot the velvet at regular intervals. Loops of twisted gold cord and tiny, round gold buttons finish the front. A soft, old-fashioned silk, changeable in color, in all the light shades, is among the season's novelties, and is attractively made up into separate bodices and gowns. A dainty gown of this in green and white shades, having a tucked skirt, the tucks stitched to within a short distance of the foot where they flare beautifully, while around the hem of the skirt is a tracery of silver thread and coral beads, a delicious combination. The waist is soft and full with considerable pouch in front, the shoulders embellished with traceries of the silver and coral, carrying out the effect of a yoke.



About the throat is a stock composed of folded yellow net, arranged at one side in a soft knot with ends falling quite to the waist. This stock is surmounted by a narrow band of coral pink velvet, and a narrow belt of the same give the finishing touches to a really chic costume. A

charming bodice in the pale pink shades of this silk is delicately embroidered by hand with white, the daintiness increased by the undersleeves of spotted white net, and the long scarf of net worn at the waist.

Among the skirts of the season there is one of extreme attractiveness because of its newness.

The effect of the skirt is very clinging to the knees, where there is a wide flare, but quite soft in effect as the goods is unlined. The upper portion of the skirt is cut en princess and reaches almost to the bust, the soft waist blousing over the top a trifle. These skirts are cut in seven gores, which fact simplifies the matter of fitting them properly. With this is worn a very short bolero, hanging quite loosely and provided with elbow sleeves, having large loose cuffs.

Fancy revers are among the attributes of many of the dressy toilettes and there are certainly bits of elegance among them. A beautiful white satin set has a covering of white net to which are applied large flowers of shaded purple or pink creton, the edges beautifully worked with white silk and gold thread, French knots of white mixed with those of gold scattered over the net, adding to its daintiness. Another handsome set of revers are of black panne velvet combined with white satin, the black showing an elaborate design carried out in steel or gold beads and delicate hand embroidery. Cuffs are to be a feature of the spring toilette when the latter is purely tailor-made. A fascinating set has the broad collar with its square edges, and cuffs of a like shape, finished with an inch wide hemstitched hem. The effect when worn upon a gown of black or blue is especially natty.

Mohair, the soft, lustrous sort which wears so splendidly, is to be a spring favorite, especially in the shade of dark blue bordering on navy. A smart model made up in this material has a skirt laid in narrow pleats, each stitched with white, and finished with a border of several rows of white stitching along the hem. The pleats run into a small yoke fitted over the hips, which is stitched also. The short, loose Eton has a stitched border running all around it, and a shawl collar of white mohair stitched with blue. Small buttons of silver finish the coat. Skirts need quite as much care as bodices, in fact, upon the skirt lies a large share of the success of the gown.

The subject of lining stuffs has already been touched upon. The majority of skirt linings are made on the drop skirt idea and are finished separately. Sometimes hair cloth is used in the drop skirt, and sometimes not, but whenever it does appear, only a narrow band is seen. In using hair cloth for this purpose it is well to bind the edges with lining to prevent them from cutting through the material. In joining the hair cloth lap the selvages, and sew together with short stitches. When fastening the stiffening to the foundation a strip of silk should be placed over the hair cloth.

A good way to finish the top of a skirt is to cord it. This cording is prepared by covering a strong cable cord of medium weight with a bias strip of thin material, silk preferred, and sewing it to the top of the skirt after the latter has been fitted to the proper size. A linen tape must be sewed along the edge to prevent stretching and to reinforce the cord. A soft leather binding on the edge of a skirt is a splendid finish. One edge of this binding may be pinked and the other adjusted in the usual manner. This binding is often preferred to any other in so far as it does not wear out easily and is soft enough not to ruin the shoes as so many of the bindings do.

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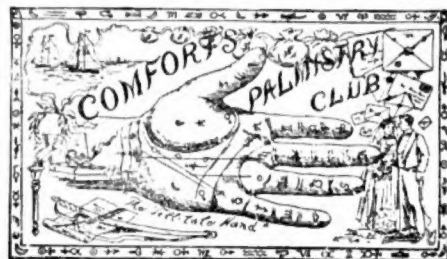
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## CONDITIONS.

To have one's hands read in this department, by Digitus, one of the finest living palmists, it is necessary to observe the following conditions:

Impressions of both hands must be sent, fully postpaid and having the name, address, and nom de plume of the sender enclosed in the package also.

The package must in every instance be accompanied by the names and addresses of eight new subscribers at twenty-five cents each, the whole amount, \$2.00 being remitted, with the package, addressed to COMFORT PALMISTRY CLUB, Augusta, Maine.

No notice will be taken of impressions and requests for readings unless the sender has fully complied with the above conditions.

To take impressions, first hold two large pieces of blank paper over a candle or similar flame, until they are heavily coated with the smoke. Then lay these pieces down, smoke side uppermost on a pad of cotton. Now place the two hands, palms downward, one on each sheet of paper, pressing firmly and steadily down, but taking care not to move the hand. Keep them so for one minute and lift carefully, so as not to disturb the impression. Have ready some flaxseed oil, which can be bought at a drug store or an art store or made with gum arabic and water in an atomizer. Spray this over the impressions before they are moved and allow them to dry. Then they are ready to send.

Smoked paper impressions are the best. But if it is desired to send a plaster cast, take plaster of Paris and dissolve in water to the consistency of thick cream. Pour this into a large shallow dish and when it is hardening place the hand, well-greased, palm downward, in the plaster, pressing downward. Several minutes will be required to get this impression and great care must be taken in removing the hand, not to break the plaster. Casts are exceedingly difficult to send without breaking and should be very carefully packed in a box with the name of the sender written on it. Plaster is sometimes successfully used in place of plaster. A good photograph if sufficiently well taken to bring out all the lines, can also be read, although in all cases the smoked paper is the best, if properly treated with flaxseed.

Bear in Mind that all the above conditions must be observed.

Also, that letters not complying with them will go into the waste-basket. Readings cannot appear for several months after impressions are sent.

**T**HERE are quite a number of hands to read this month and I will proceed to them at once. "November" wants to know if the two marriages which I foretold in the fall are surely to take place. These may be, or one of them at least, close friendships that come into her life at that time, or some outside influence coming to bear on her life at the time indicated, but these lines are usually read as marriages.

I have often said that I would prefer that you should not have your hands photographed, as a photograph does not bring out the fine lines, and still people keep sending me photographs of hands in spite of my warnings. I have before me a letter of complaint from a young man who says he paid \$1.50 to have his hands photographed and still the reading was not good. Since I have repeatedly stated that it is impossible to give a very good reading from a photograph, I do not see how he can blame me. I do not know that he wants to blame for this is what he said: "You did not say anything I did not know and what you did say was not true." I leave it to you if it does not seem as though he knows a great deal that is not true.

"Wonder" sends photographs but she also sends some plaster casts as well which makes it much easier to read the hands. There is nothing better than a plaster cast to read, plaster casts and smoke impressions are what I always ask for and am always glad to get. Wonder has a very good hand showing good common sense, energy, intellectual ability and a good disposition. She has a long life and good health up to the age of 55 or thereabouts when she will need to take great care of herself although I think she will live a long time after. Her fate is exceptionally good showing that she will meet with success in all her ventures although she will meet with some opposition. She will probably not marry until she is 30 or 33 but she will make a brilliant and happy marriage at that time. She will, however, outlive her husband and be a widow for years. The latter part of her life will see her in excellent circumstances and her life improves steadily from beginning to end.

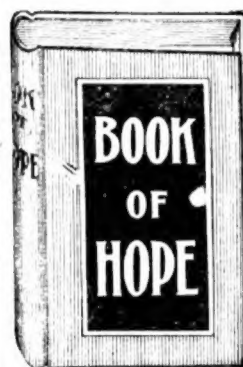
All the lines in her hand rise, which is an excellent sign. She will travel a great deal, especially the latter part of her life and I see an element of danger from that fact which will not materialize, however, until late in life. There are no startling changes in her life but a steady improvement from the beginning to the end. She is fond of music and of art, and may excel in one of those branches if she chooses. "Ricercare" has sent some smoke paper impressions taking care to send several in order that some of them may come through all right. She is a person of emotional tendencies, very upright and straightforward, except that she is inclined to exaggerate things. She sees the truth in a different light from the ordinary human being of a romantic tendency and her enemies will often accuse her of saying things she does not mean. This is because of her natural inclination to exaggerated views and her wonderful imaginative faculties. She has a wonderful degree of imagination, with uncommon originality and a fine power of expressing herself. I would advise her to take up the writing of fiction where she may soon make a great name for herself if she will persevere. She has ample confidence in her own ability, another point in her favor, and while there are several love affairs in her hand, I do not see a marriage, although the lines under the little finger are somewhat blurred. Her nature is such, however, that I think she will remain happier if she keeps single. There is a great future for her as an imaginative writer if she chooses to work for it and I trust that she

"Wonder."

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# HEALTH AND WEALTH

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and now known throughout the entire world as MAGNETIC HEALING, gives its students the power to control the body and mind of others; also the power to dispel disease as if by magic. It is the grandest pain reliever known to man; it is the only sure road to success financially, physically, socially and politically. With this wonderful power, health, fame and riches can be obtained; also the affections of those you love. You learn this wonderful science at home. The only education necessary is the knowledge to read. The mail course which is sent to all, makes you efficient in each branch of this grand science. Through the knowledge you gain you are able, without the use of drugs or the surgeon's knife, to

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as well as those about you. There are many people, both men and women, who shrink from the embarrassment of making their diseases public, and on this account go through the world suffering tortures and pain, but through this method you are able to HEAL YOURSELF IN THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN HOME, and in a few days you are in the sunshine of health to the surprise of your acquaintances. Many a modest woman suffering untold agony from diseases peculiar to her sex, has gone to a premature grave rather than subject herself to the embarrassment of an examination. The same can be said of men suffering from indiscretions that they were ashamed to confess. This grand method permits sufferers of both sexes to do away with this embarrassment, for by it they cure themselves without the assistance of anyone, of every disease and infirmity. THE BOOK OF HOPE, written by Prof. Murphy, in a plain and concise manner tells you exactly how you can gain this wonderful influence whereby you become proficient in curing disease and bad habits in yourself and in others; develop mental energy, gratify ambition and your every wish; also gives you the key to personal and social successes and teaches you the GRANDEST AND BEST PAYING PROFESSION OF THE AGE, as it is an acknowledged fact that there is no profession known to-day where independence can be so easily gained as through this grand profession. REMEMBER, this book costs you nothing, and it reveals wonderful secrets and makes the impossibilities of yesterday the realities of to-day.

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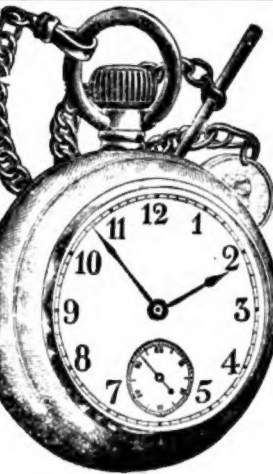
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IN THE block square to the left we have printed twenty jumbled letters which we want you to try and arrange. These jumbled letters, when properly arranged, will spell the names of three cities in the world. One city being located in China, one in the United States and the other in North America. In making the names of these three cities the letters can only be used as many times as they appear and no letter can be used which does not appear. When you have found the three correct names you will have used every letter in the twenty as many times as it appears. Realizing that this puzzle is without a doubt the most difficult one ever advertised, we will give a special prize worth \$1 to those who cannot find the three correct names, but find only one. Remember that if you find only one correct name you will have the same chance of winning one of the big cash prizes mentioned in the second half of this advertisement. If you send in your answer at once we are quite sure you will not be disappointed. Someone is going to win the money and it may be you. Anyway, it does not cost you any money to try, and if you are a successful contestant there is only one easy condition which will take about one hour of your time, and which we will write you about as soon as your answer is received. We would advise you to get out your geography, atlas or encyclopedia, and look for the names of these three cities at once. The correct names are only known to the President of this Company and his private secretary.

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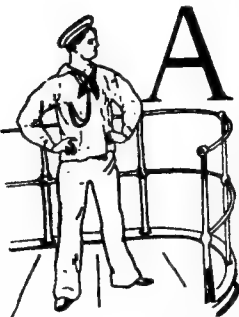
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## Across Australia on Foot.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



A New Hampshire boy, now an officer in the United States Navy, who came home not long ago for a month's visit, told this story of his first experiences as a sailor and of how he ran away from his ship to try to cross the continent of West Australia. I tell the story so nearly as I can remember it in the sailor's own words, as he told it to me.

"I was eighteen years old, stout for my age, and I wanted to go to sea. I hired out to ship on a whaler going from New Bedford to Australia, on a three years' voyage. I was hurried off at once. When I reached the ship I was 'advanced' one hundred dollars worth of outfit in clothing from what is commonly known as the ship's 'slop chest.' The whole lot would have been dear at \$40.

"The voyage to Australia lasted nine months, during which time I did not step on land. Finally we entered King George's Sound, on the southern coast of Australia, on which is situated Albany, the chief seaport of that part of the continent. It was there that I got my first chance to go ashore. I went to the captain for some money, and what do you suppose he gave me? Eight shillings!

"Think of it! Two dollars to celebrate with, after not having been on dry land for almost a year!

"As a matter of fact it was not the money to celebrate with that I was caring so much for. I had made up my mind long before that to run away the first chance I got. I thought I had had all I wanted of the sea. I knew I would need all the money I could get, in order to help me escape.

"Two dollars was all I got, though. That was all the cash I ever got for that nine months' voyage, and all the pay, except for the clothes out of the 'slop chest' which I have spoken of already.

"One of the other fellows was going with me, and in town we met two other men who were running away, too, so we threw our lots in together, made up a party of four, and skipped, hoping to make our way to some port on the northern coast of Australia from which we could ship back home.

"We knew that as soon as our shore leave expired and we did not return to the ship, the police would be notified to watch out for us, even if the 'black-trackers' were not called out. The latter are natives, the remnant of a force who were trained back in the days when Australia was a convict settlement to run down prisoners who had escaped. They would follow a track as surely as a bloodhound, and more intelligently, since they did not have to depend on scent alone. Albany was too small a city for us to be caught there. The only thing for us to do was to strike out from the city.

"At that time the railroad which now con-

nects Albany with Perth and Freemantle, on the northwestern coast, about three hundred and fifty miles away, was being built. Help was scarce and in such good demand that we knew if we could reach the construction camps we would have no trouble getting work, and, as these camps were then a hundred miles or more inland, be out of the way of the police.

"It has been my experience that almost everybody has a kindly feeling for a sailor when he is on shore, and helps him when he is in need. We found friends who told us how to get out of the city most easily, and also told us where we would find a party of kangaroo hunters, a few miles out in the country, who would shelter us for a day or two. We followed the directions of these men, found the hunting party, and were taken in by them just as we had been told. Some sheep herders helped us out in the same way for another night. From them we learned that a construction train would start up the line the next morning at three o'clock, carrying men and supplies for the camp. At that time the line had been built about eighty miles from Albany, and the camps were working north of that to meet the other end of the line which was being built down from the northern terminus.

"Our friends in the bush told us that the train would stop at a water tank, some miles out from the city. We were on hand, and when the train stopped crept on board in the dim light. We rode as far as the line extended, and then walked to where the camps were. We were hired at once for ten shillings (\$2.50) a day by the 'gaffer' as the railroad boss is called there.

"We lived in a tent and boarded ourselves, having made up a 'swag' for this purpose. A 'swag' in their speech there meant an outfit. Ours comprised little besides flour, baking powder, tea, and a 'billy-can,' a tin can to make the tea in. The shepherds had showed us how to make 'damper bread,' which campers and outdoor workers depended on almost wholly. This was made by spreading on the ground a piece of stout bagging which every 'swag' contained, and mixing on this cloth flour, baking powder and water to make dough. The lump of dough was coated with clay and put in the embers of a fire in the open air to bake. When it was cooked the clay was broken away from the loaf, and the bread was ready to be eaten. It was not so bad as one might think. When we were fortunate enough to get a fowl of any kind it was cooked in the same way. It was not necessary to take the trouble to pluck the feathers from it. When the clay was broken off it took the feathers with it, leaving the fowl just done to a turn.

"We worked two weeks on the railroad, and then gave in our time and asked for our pay. We were ready to quit. We had found out that there were worse things in life than sailing on board a whaler. The temperature during the day sometimes went as high as 125 degrees, and the dust which filled our throats and nostrils was so dense that we coughed it up in chunks. There was no water except what had been drawn thirty miles in tanks by oxen. It was almost impossible to drink it clear. We could use it only when it had been boiled into tea.

"After we had thrown up our job there was only one thing for us to do. We could not go back to Albany, for we would have been arrested at once. The penalty for deserting a ship was three months' imprisonment at hard

labor, or until the prisoner's ship came into port and took him on board again. We could not go to the east or to the west, because the country was practically a wilderness, if not a desert. When the preliminary survey of the railroad had been made it had been found necessary to get camels to carry the engineers, because they could endure the scarcity of water. Some distance to the west of the railroad, and running nearly parallel to it, was the old trail which had been the only route of communication between Albany and the northern coast before the railroad was projected. The line of the railroad had been surveyed for its whole course, and was staked out. If we followed the trail or the survey we would not get lost, and would in time reach the port of Freemantle. We started, taking the trail.

"Our two first days' marches were not bad. Then we struck a desert region where it was, as they say there, 'forty miles from water to water.' That meant that we must start at 4 A. M., and walk until 9 P. M., depending for drink upon water which we carried with us. It is so common to have to carry water in Australia that what are called 'water bags' can be bought almost anywhere. These are canvas bags, holding about three quarts. The canvas does not allow the water to leak through, but it becomes saturated, just enough to keep the water in the bag cool, the same as a wet towel wrapped around a pitcher of water will cool the water in the pitcher.

"Each filled his bag, and we started. The road lay through a basin of clean white sand, glaring in the sun. One of our party drank freely of his water as soon as the sun began to grow hot. We told him not to do this, but he would not mind what we said. The rest of us took only a swallow at a time. As a result of his foolishness we had to nearly carry him the last two hours of the march, and he was half dead at that when we finally pulled into camp. We left him, the next morning, to follow when he could. One of the other fellows hired out to work on a big sheep ranch. That left me with only one companion, and as experience showed me that he was no good I shook him the first chance I got, and went on alone.

"It was not until after I had got started by myself that my money gave out. I had saved it just as carefully as I could, spending it only for food, but finally the last copper went. I had never in all my life asked anybody to give me something to eat, and I had a stiff dislike to coming down to this. I passed one or two places, looked at the houses, hesitated, swallowed my hunger and walked on. Finally my stomach conquered, and I said to myself that I would stop at the next house and ask for food. But I walked on and on, and no house came in sight. After a while I met a man on horseback.

"How far is it to the next house?" I asked.

"Nine miles," said he.

"Think of it! There was nothing for me to do, though, and I went on. It was nearly dark when I reached the house. The owner himself met me. I asked him for something to eat and to let me stay all night. He said sourly that if he fed all the beggars that came along he would be a beggar himself. I was too tired to go on, and sat down on the step of the house in spite of him. He left me alone. By and by a little girl—his daughter, I think—who had heard my request, came from behind the house bringing

an enormous cluster of delicious grapes to me. Late that evening the man came out and throwing some bags down on the veranda told me I could sleep there. I slept there, with dogs. Soon after daybreak the next morning he woke me and told me to move on, but before I started he gave me another big bunch of grapes. That was my first experience of charity.

"It was the middle of the forenoon before I came to another house. This was a small place, little more than a shack. I couldn't get up courage enough to ask for anything more to eat, but I was nearly dead from thirst, and so I went up and asked for a drink of water. A stout Irishwoman came to the door.

"Shure an' don't yez want a bite to ate wid it?" she asked, when she had looked at me.

"Well!"

"She set out bread, and meat and cheese, and made me some fresh tea. If I live to be a hundred years old I never shall find any food that will taste as good to me as that did. Her husband came in from his work at noon, and was as hospitable as his wife. They kept me until the next morning, and then started me on again, rested and strong. They were only two hard-working people, struggling to build up a home there in the wilderness, but in my heart they have lived ever since as a king and queen. That's the difference in people.

"I didn't strike any other time quite so bad. Sometimes I got a little work. When I walked into Perth, three hundred and thirty-nine miles from Albany, my trousers hung in fringe around my ankles and the soles of my shoes were fastened on with pieces of wire twisted around my feet.

"From Perth, I walked to Freemantle, getting there early in the forenoon. Once in the city I asked my way to the wharves, and getting the direction, started to go there. The very first corner I turned brought me face to face with a policeman, strolling leisurely along, the morning sun making every button on his blue coat glisten. There was no chance to turn and run. He would have suspected something then, anyway. I put on my innocent look, and started to pass him, but he blocked me squarely.

"Hello," said he. "What ship did you run away from?"

"I didn't run away from any ship," says I as bold as brass.

"Oh, come off," he said. "I've seen too many of the likes of you before this. Say," he cried, a moment later, "I believe you're—" calling me by name.

"No sir," I said. "My name is Smith."

"Smith be smithed," says he. "Where'd you get that shirt?"

"With that he grabbed my arm, and swinging me around to where the sun shone full in my face, held me with one hand while he drew from his coat with the other, and read, a printed description of me, sent out from Albany three months before, and offering ten pounds (\$50.) for my capture. The shirt was what finally clinched it, for it bore the indisputable marks of the old whale ship's 'slop chest,' just as the printed slip described it.

"That was the reward of three dreary months of toil across Australia. That night I slept in the guardhouse, and although I escaped from the police twice, I was eventually landed in Albany and did nearly three months of back-breaking work with the convicts on the streets there, before my ship came into port and claimed me."

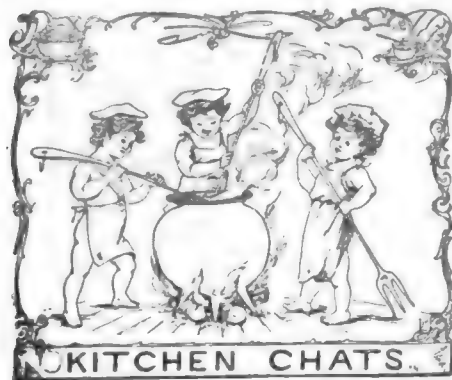












KITCHEN CHATS.

CONDUCTED BY AUNT SARAH.



SO many requests come for something new in the salad line that we will devote our space this month to salads of the various kinds and the appropriate dressing and garnish to serve with each.

While our readers who live in the North may not at present be able to use some of these recipes, on account of the high prices of fruits and vegetables during the cold season—there are so many readers who live in the South, where fresh vegetables may be had for a moderate price at all times, that we give these recipes now, knowing that later in the season they will also be welcome to our Northern readers.

## SPINACH AND EGG SALAD.

Cook spinach and when soft drain and chop fine. Season with salt, pepper and lemon juice and press into a mould. When cold, turn out to a bed of shredded lettuce and around the edge of dish place a ring of the whites of hard boiled eggs cut in slices. In the center of each slice put a spoonful of mayonnaise dressing. Press the yolks through a sieve and sprinkle over the top of the mound of spinach.

## CHEESE AND OLIVE SALAD.

Mix together two neufchatel cheeses, one cup young America cheese grated, and six olives, stoned and chopped. Season with salt and paprika, moisten with cream, press and cut into squares. Serve on fresh lettuce leaves and pour over a generous supply of French dressing.

## SCALLOP AND TOMATO SALAD.

Clean and parboil one pint scallops; add juice of one lemon, cover and let stand an hour. Drain, dry between towels, season with salt and pepper. Dip each scallop in crumbs, egg and crumbs again, and fry in a basket in deep fat. Cool, cut each scallop in halves, pile in the center of dish and around the edge place slices of tomato. Over all pour French dressing, and around the edge of dish put small sprigs of parsley.

## OYSTER AND GRAPE FRUIT SALAD.

Parboil one pint oysters, drain, cool and remove tough muscles. Remove the pulp from three grape fruits and drain. In removing the pulp, leave the skin in perfect shape, so that the salad may be served in the halves. Mix pulp and oysters and pour over the mixture a dressing made as follows: Mix six tablespoons tomato ketchup, four tablespoons grape fruit juice, one tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, a few drops tabasco sauce and salt to taste. Fill the halves of fruit skins with the mixture, and place in the center a piece of curled celery. Serve on a small plate, on a fringed or embroidered doiley, with a fork, individually.

## CORN SALAD.

Drain one can corn, moisten with French dressing and arrange on a bed of lettuce, chicory or parsley.

## SWEETBREAD AND CUCUMBER SALAD.

Parboil one pair sweetbreads, cool and cut in small pieces; add an equal quantity of cucumber cut in small cubes, and one-half cup thick cream beaten until stiff; add one-half tablespoon granulated gelatine dissolved in two tablespoons boiling water. Combine mixtures, add salt and paprika to taste, and two tablespoons vinegar. Mould, chill, cut in cubes and serve on a bed of chicory and garnish with

## TOMATO MAYONNAISE.

Mix one-half teaspoon each of mustard, salt, powdered sugar and a few grains cayenne. Add two egg-yolks and one and one-half teaspoons vinegar. Add gradually one cup olive oil, and as mixture thickens dilute with lemon juice and vinegar, using one tablespoon of each. Add enough tomato ketchup to color.

## FRUIT SALAD.

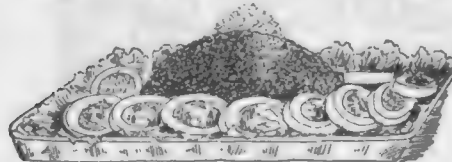
Cut Tangerines in thin slices crosswise; add prunes cooked in wine, Malaga grapes skinned and seeded, and branded peaches, and put all in a glass dish. Serve cold. Pour over all

## WINE DRESSING.

Mix one-half cup sugar, one-third cup sherry wine and two tablespoons Madeira.

## FRENCH DRESSING.

Mix three-fourths teaspoon salt, one-eighth teaspoon paprika, two tablespoons lemon juice



## SPINACH AND EGG SALAD.

and four tablespoons olive oil. Vinegar may be used instead of lemon juice if desired.

## MAYONNAISE DRESSING.

Same as tomato mayonnaise given above, with the exception of the tomato ketchup.

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GENTLEMEN: Do you realize I have been selling your remedies for the past nine years? After acting thus as your agent for this long period it is not flattery when I say to you that no business house exists that can surpass your own in honesty and fair dealings—even more, generosity to its patrons. Not one jar or the slightest cause for complaint is surely evidence beyond question in my nine years' dealings with you. May you live long to enjoy the good you are doing is the wish of  
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Yours truly,  
EMMA E. BRANNON.





BY EVERETT G. WHEELMAN.

**I**NVENTIVE man has so accustomed us to new and startling objects and wonder follows wonder in such rapid succession that we have in a sense become blasé from the actual impossibility of "keeping track" of what scientific genius envisions. It was to be expected in the natural order of development, automobilism would not stop until the whole domain of traction and propulsion by artificially generated power should be completely conquered, and the hitherto indispensable animals, such as the horse, mule, ox, donkey and all of that genus, should be relegated to the rear. But as is usually the case, when theory becomes an actuality, the concrete invention was received with a start of surprise.

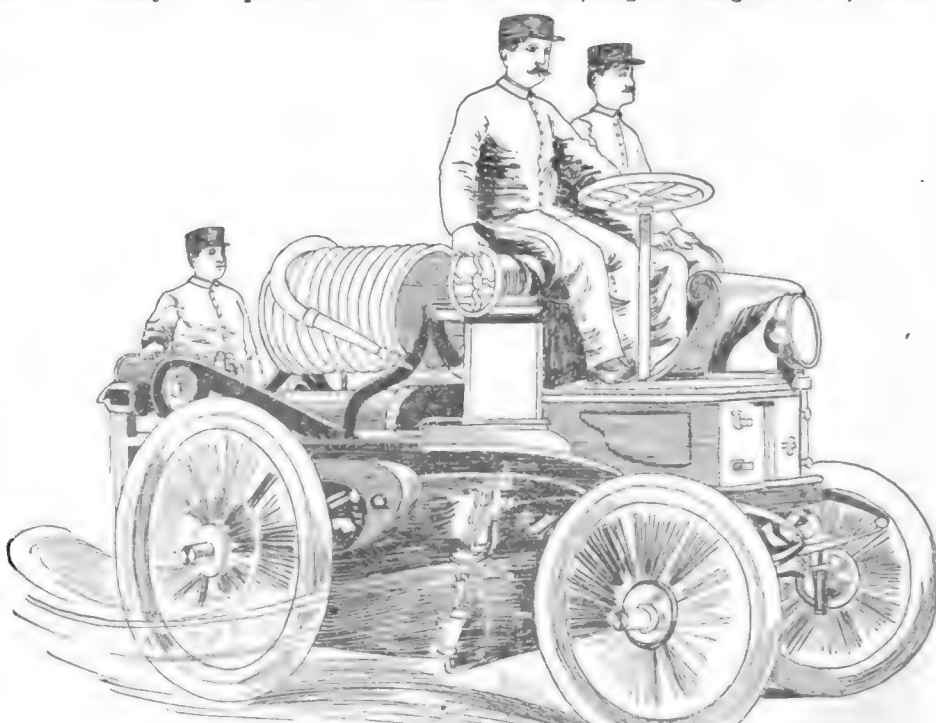
Everybody is aware of the immense strides made by artificial locomotion in the past two years, but few recall that, while automobilists may now be numbered by thousands and self-propelling vehicles are to be seen on every hand, a very successful automobile omnibus was running in Paris twenty-five years ago. The French have led in the race from the beginning, and the first long road journey for automobiles was that from Paris to Brest in 1891. Three years later a series of auto races was initiated, and in 1896 was formed the Automobile Club, which now contains more than twenty-two hundred members. A recent estimate places the amount of capital employed in the manufacture of automobiles in France alone at more than \$2,000,000 and the number of workmen at two hundred and fifty thousand. This country is pressing the Frenchmen hard in the matter of speedy and elegant vehicles, as well as in the aggregate of capital and skilled workmen employed, while England is a close third in this production and use of automobiles. The vast number of millionaires and men of leisure in this country has given rise to numerous competitors for the honor of having the greatest number of "chaffeurs" or gentlemen stokers, but so far France can boast the most daring and expert drivers in the world.

There are differences of opinion as to the relative merits of the various motor forces employed, and each type, whether of the steam, gasoline, petroleum, liquid air, or electric, has its votaries. For long journeys it is universally conceded that steam or gasoline is preferable, but for territory where the "radius of action" is not large—that is, the distance to be covered does not exceed forty or fifty miles—the electrically propelled vehicle is excellent. For hauling freight long distances over good roads, the French have constructed immense gasoline locomotives of great strength and cost, which make such an infernal noise that one would think a field of harvesting machines had broken loose. These are excellent for traction, but for speed and immediate availability of power—such as would be required in a fire engine—they have turned to electricity.

The culminating triumph of the electrical fire apparatus came after a long series of experiments and was so convincing that witnesses of the autumn maneuvers before the international congress of scientists at Vincennes were carried away by their enthusiasm, and this equipment has satisfied the Parisian engineer-in-chief so perfectly that he is desirous of radically changing the entire system of the French capital.

It is believed that no further improvement

prompt. All this delay is obviated in the electrical engine, which is ready for immediate action the moment the fire is reached. The motive power is electricity, which is furnished by a battery of accumulators, inclosed in a tank suspended beneath the body of the truck. This is calculated to carry the machine from thirty-five to forty miles at a minimum speed of twelve miles an hour without recharging. This is vastly more than will be demanded of a fire engine in ordinary work, and besides, the same electricity that provides the motive



ELECTRIC FIRE ENGINE.

power also works the pumps, the change being effected almost instantaneously from the traction force to the pneumatic, and conversely. To facilitate rapidity of action the hose, made of rubber, is inclosed in wire, so that it cannot be flattened out, and can always be kept full of water, even when on the reel, as shown in the illustration. The electrical engine proper, with its personnel of three men, when on the road weighs complete about six thousand five hundred pounds.

Besides the fire engine proper there is a smaller apparatus which acts as an avant-courier, being more heavily manned, but slightly, though completely, equipped for instantaneous action. After the pumping engine is on the ground this acts as a feeder and auxiliary. The trio of machines is completed by the electrical ladder truck, which, though it weighs nearly ten thousand pounds, is more easily managed and more rapid than the old kind drawn by animals and turns corners with greater facility. The extension ladders are borne on a sort of ramp, or movable stairway, hoisted by wheel and winch and carried when en route in nearly a horizontal position.

Doubtless I shall be asked for an address where these machines can be tested. I presume any of the leading Automobile Companies or Bicycle manufacturers can give any needed information but those who are not satisfied can be so by addressing "l'Etat Major des Pompiers, Paris, France."

One of the interesting exhibits at a recent automobile show is one of the first steam carriages that was ever built. It was made in 1860 by Richard Dudgeon and is now owned by Frank P. Dudgeon. The machine is run by a steam engine that is fed from a boiler that is heated by a coal furnace. Since it was constructed the machine has run more than 40,000 miles and it is still in good condition.

The recent statement of a prominent physician that long distance bicycle riding is in-

jurious to the health and that insurance companies will not accept policies on long distance riders is denied by C. W. Miller, the crack Chicago six-day champion rider. Miller says he has won six out of seven long distance races and that he is just as well now as he ever was. In addition to this he states that after he won three races he took out policies in two insurance companies. This, he thinks, is sufficient refutation of the doctor's statement, but says additional proof may be found in all the other big riders, all of whom have ridden in long distance races and are in sound physical condition to-day. "As long as a man gets plenty of sleep," says Miller, "long distance riding will not hurt him, if he is in good condition when he starts."

A recent suggestion in the line of horseless vehicles is an automobile plow. This would be driven preferably by gasoline or oil, and would be equipped with disc plows so arranged as to do the work of the implements now in use. While too expensive for the average farmer, one would do for a whole neighborhood and could be hired out by the day, just as many of the harvesting machines are now rented.

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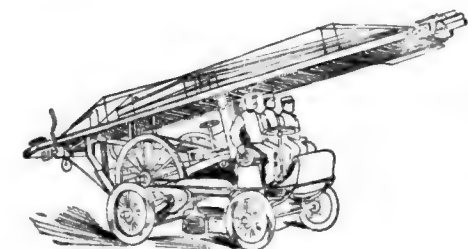
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Chats With Aunt Minerva.

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the Spanish war which has attracted more popular interest than the bringing of twelve hundred Cuban teachers to Boston for a course of instruction in English. Many are the stories which are told about the things which these Cuban teachers did which seemed strange at first to their American hosts, and then not strange when the reasons of the Cubans for their actions were understood. On the other hand many of our actions must have seemed just as incomprehensible to the visitors. The commingling of the two races has been a mutual education. The Cuban visitors have learned English. We have learned Spanish. They have learned our ways, and we have learned theirs.

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CUBAN STUDENTS AT TUSKEGEE.

with this a photograph of a group of Cubans who have been at Tuskegee a year. When they came only one could speak any English. Before a year had passed they all could speak fairly, well enough to make themselves understood, although among themselves they often still prefer to speak Spanish. In addition to learning English all are at work in the industrial classes of the school, learning some trade. One is in the machine shop, one is a painter, two are in the carpenter shop, etc. The young woman is learning dress-making and millinery. The progress of these students has been so encouraging that Governor-General L. A. Wood has recently sent over three more Cuban boys to the same school." M. B. THRASHER.

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ARCH AT ENTRANCE OF GOLDEN GATE PARK.

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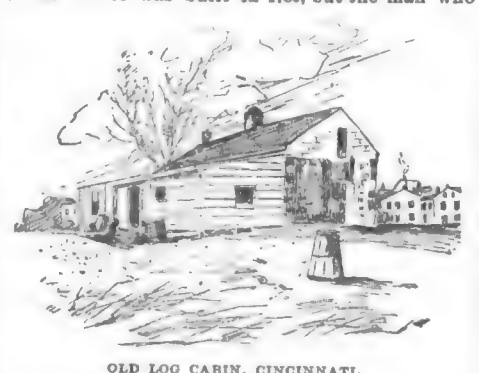
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from the southern ports, while one of the first  
sights to greet the eyes of home coming soldiers  
and travelers from our far southern islands and  
the Orient is this familiar landmark which can be  
discerned far out at sea. Yet standing here as it  
does upon the imposing, mountainous shores of so  
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of the house was built in 1780, but the man who



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commenced the cabin never finished it, and it was  
never known whether he was killed by the Indians  
or went farther west.

"The front windows face Clifton, one of Cincin-  
nati's most beautiful suburbs; its tree clad hills,  
once the abiding place of the red man, are now  
crowned with magnificent homes, and the little log  
cabin, with its rough structure and brick fire  
places, is the only remaining trace of the early  
days of Cincinnati."

"Andrew Cox, born in Germany, in 1761, came to  
Cincinnati, then in its infancy, with his wife, Re-  
becca, in 1795. They came down the Ohio river in  
flatboats, and landing at the primitive settlement  
decided to remain and took possession of the un-  
finished cabin. Mr. Cox, who had fought in the  
Revolution under Hull, and who came from a  
sturdy German stock, refused to listen to his  
neighbor's warnings concerning the Indians and  
set up his large tent, penates. When he plowed  
his ground he found the bones of a human being,  
which seemed unusually large, and some utensils  
of Indian workmanship. He concluded that his  
farm had been the burying-place of some tribe  
many years before, and he searched diligently for  
more proof, but never found any. However, he  
never had any trouble with Indians. His daughter  
Margaret married Edward De Serley, who was  
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near Cuttack, in India, used to do whenever they  
went to worship. To be sure, the tiger's jaws were  
of stone, but it was decidedly a sensational pro-  
ceeding, nevertheless. A tiger's paw is about the  
last form we should think of giving to a church,  
but by these people it was evidently regarded as  
highly appropriate. One does not wonder so much  
when he investigates their religion, for the gods  
they worshiped were for the most part no better  
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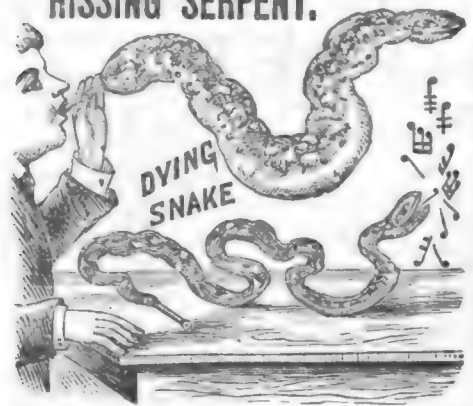
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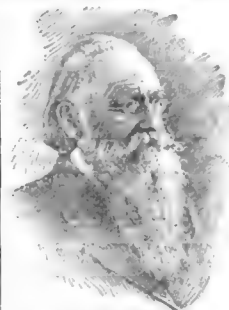
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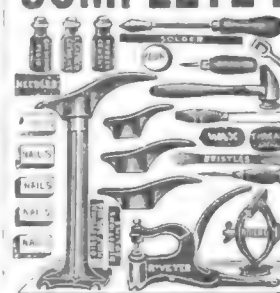
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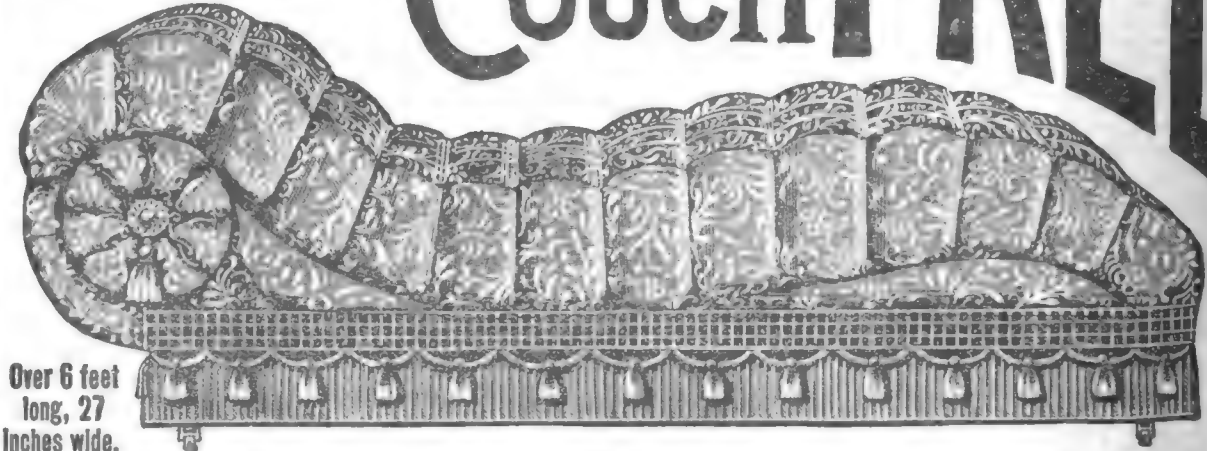


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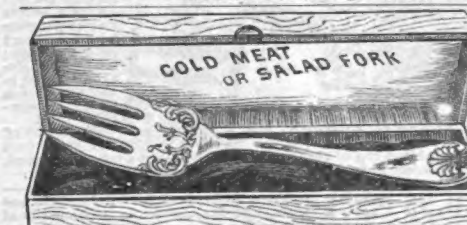
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**T**HE Speculum for the Lunation or New Moon this month, which occurs at about a quarter before 8 o'clock in the morning of the 20th of March, 1901, Washington Time, is rather an important one, as it occurs so near to the time of the Ingress or birth of the new Astrological year. The 8th degree of Taurus will be rising and the 23rd degree of Capricorn will be culminating. Saturn will have just passed the meridian and will be nearly in conjunction with the great benefic Jupiter. Herschel will be in the 8th house while Mars will stand in Leo, in the 5th house, retrograde. The lunation falls in the 12th house and Venus and Mercury will be in the 11th. The indications of the figure are in the main good. Venus, ruler of the scheme stands in benefic aspect with Saturn, who is ruler of the Midheaven, showing harmony and satisfaction between the people of the country and the constituted rulers. Mercury in the 11th house, ruler of the Nation's treasury, has the powerful rays of benevolent Jupiter and in harmony with Venus, ruler of the people. This indicates legislation by Congress for the best interests of our people in a financial sense though the square of Herschel points to some unusual interference and criticism of the course of the administration by eccentric or erratic individuals. The progress of the Nation continues steadily onward among the powers of the world. Our foreign commercial interests are broadened; the merchant marine is encouraged in growth and our importance among nations receives constantly increasing recognition. The four great planets Neptune, Herschel, Saturn and Jupiter will be nearly together, high in declination this year and we may reasonably look for some unusual atmospheric and earth disturbances, probably some marked earth tremors, tidal disturbances and electrical phenomena in various regions of the earth. Herschel in the 8th indicates sudden death among our public men where least expected. Mars in the 5th, retrograde, in the fiery Leo leads to a hotel, theater, or school by fire in one or more of our large cities, probably Philadelphia. All concerned can not be too careful of explosives and combustibles, especially in places where children are congregated.

### CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR APRIL, 1901.

**APRIL 1-Monday.** Give attention to routine matters principally on this day, and particularly such as have relation to houses and lands or their products or improvement; but do not make any beginning of consequence even in these matters; avoid any contract-making, nor should dealings be had with public officers or corporate authorities; beware of any deal concerned with patents, copyrights, trade-marks or novelty wares; do not travel or solicit favor from state or municipal authorities; literary affairs do not meet success and those engaged on the public press will not find favor from general readers.

**2-Tuesday.** Beware of making any extensive purchases of merchandise or entering upon any new financial enterprise on this or the following day; goods in trade purchased at this time are likely to constitute a large part of what is known as "shop worn stock" or hang heavy on the hands; this is especially true of all the classes of fancy or artistic goods or such as gratify or amuse.

**3-Wednesday.** Have no transactions with banks or other monied institutions on this day; buy only those things which are indispensable, and as few as possible of those; and do not look for increase of wages or promotion in thine employment; avoid all dealings pertaining to real estate; shun the broker, landlord, agriculturalist and all purchases of farm or mine products or building materials. This is an extremely unfortunate birthday anniversary and cautions all claiming it to be more than ordinarily watchful of any venture offering; let them act conservatively in all their affairs, not venturing any spare capital in new enterprises and watching all the corners in their established business, lest bad leakages and losses come at this period. This is also true of persons born in the first few days of January, July, or October, of past years; and such persons equally with those claiming this day, should safeguard the health and be prudent in their affairs for some time to come; marriageable ladies, so born, had better avoid any matrimonial alliance at this time if they would consult their future happiness and prosperity; many ladies, so born, who have already taken steps towards matrimony, will find themselves disappointed from broken pledges or through the serious misfortunes of their intended partners; married ladies, so born, are likely now to be having unpleasant experiences with their husbands in sharing the misfortunes that fall to the lot of those near or dear to them; they will need to exercise patience, extend sympathy and show their courage in assisting their male relatives at the present juncture in their affairs. To all these persons the passing time is a trying one, yet they should not be discouraged at disappointments which are only temporary, for the clouds will soon roll away and disclose the bright sunshine beyond.

**4-Thursday.** This day is full of activity and enterprise and gives best encouragement to persons engaged in the mechanical and chemical pursuits, promising great favorably for matters of this kind already in hand, but not so well for making beginnings in matters of magnitude of this character; pecuniary advantages are indicated for dealings in metals, chemicals, machinery, firearms, and cutlery; manufacturers are favored in disposing of their wares on this day.

**5-Friday.** Make no written application for favor or advantage from any public authority or institution; do not travel in the forenoon unnecessarily, nor should any important contract be entered into in the forenoon that concerns publications or any literary work; the afternoon is the best part of the day though social matters and musical and dramatic entertainments yield little if any real satisfaction.

**6-Saturday.** Quite a favorable day for the general affairs of life, though not for making commencement of any new venture of magnitude; give attention to minor or routine transactions connected with accounts, collections, literary work and mental efforts; the evening is best for correspondence and mathematical labors.

**7-Sunday.** An unfavorable Sabbath day, in which crosses and unpleasantness are likely in clerical affairs; males born about the dates indicated in the 3rd paragraph should see to it in these passing weeks that business ruptures and changes do not come from acts of theirs and should not at this time begin important undertakings but be satisfied with their present lot rather than seek now to improve it by new ventures.

**8-Monday.** Choose this day for urging thy labors in the elegant and artistic walks, for musical efforts, painting, decorating and the fine arts generally, though caution is urged against extravagance in expenditures for such purposes; be slow to follow the impulses towards intemperate gratifications of either taste or appetite.

**9-Tuesday.** Improve the middle hours of the day for all ingenious and mechanical trades and avocations and especially for chemical experiments and processes; the noon time invites caution in literary matters when

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EDWARD EVERETT HALE.

ONE of the most familiar and striking figures on the streets of Boston is the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, whose books have for so many years given pleasure to thousands of readers. Although nearing his eightieth birthday Doctor Hale is still a worker, and he still appears on the platform at public gatherings of all kinds. He may be depended upon to say something at any meeting having for its object the uplifting of humanity. His sympathies are ever with the poor and suffering, and there is always a soft place in his heart for suffering childhood. One may frequently read in the Boston papers his appeals for those under the stress and strain of bitter need and he has the spirit of the true philanthropist.

Of his writings his "Man Without a Country" has, perhaps, added more to his fame than anything else that he has written, although it is not a book but a short story, but it is one of unusual power and striking originality. When it was published many years ago it gave a strong impulse to national feeling at the North, and it was the most talked of story of the day and one that is still read with eager interest.

Dr. Hale was born in Boston and all of his long life has been spent there with the exception of a short pastorate in Worcester, Massachusetts, which he resigned to become pastor of the South Congregational church (Unitarian) in Boston. He held this pastorate until two or three years ago when he was too advanced in years to continue regular pastoral duties and he resigned that a younger man might succeed him, but he still fills his old pulpit occasionally. His home is in the beautiful Roxbury district of Boston. He began his literary career in the office of the Boston Advertiser and in 1869 he founded a magazine called "Old and New," which was later merged into the popular "Scribner's Monthly." His book entitled "Ten Times One is Ten" led to the founding of many clubs devoted to charitable objects, and much



F. MARION CRAWFORD.

of his writing has been along humanitarian lines. Some of his most popular books have been "Philip Nolan's Friends," "His Level Best," and "Other Stories," and "In His Name." He has also written a "Life of Washington," and a "Narrative and Critical History of America." He has written many essays and religious articles. He is a writer and speaker of remarkable versatility and, advanced though he is in years, his friends hope that he still may have years of health and strength to work for the many good causes that lie near his heart.

Although F. Marion Crawford was born in Italy he is of American parentage and may be classed among our American writers. His birthplace was the Baths of Lucca and he was born on the second day of August in the year 1854. His father was Thomas Crawford, the well-known American sculptor, and his mother was a sister of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe. His early education was in St. Paul's School for Boys in Concord, New Hampshire, and between the years 1870 and 1875 he was a student at the University of Cambridge in England. Then he was for some years a student of the languages and philosophy in Heidelberg and at the University of Rome. Still later he went to India for the purpose of gaining a more perfect knowledge of Oriental languages and customs. While in India he became editor of a newspaper at Allahabad.

Returning to America he spent the year of 1880 at Harvard College studying Sanscrit and Zend with such success that he received a diploma at the end of the year. His oral stories of his experiences in India so interested his friends and relatives that Mr. Crawford was urged to write a story founded on these experiences abroad. He finally concluded to do so and his first book, "Mr. Isaacs," was given to the world in 1882. It was immensely successful and applications for his work poured in upon him from publishers and editors.

The next year he wrote "Dr. Claudius," and then came "To Leeward," "A Roman Singer," and "An American Politician," which sustained and increased the reputation his first book had given him. In 1884 Mr. Crawford took up his permanent residence in Sorrento, Italy, and gave himself up wholly to literature. Of his later books "Saracinesca" and "Via Crucis" have perhaps been the most successful. He is a writer of remarkable dramatic power and wonderful fertility of invention. He is one of the most careful and painstaking writers, as his work indicates. It might be said in passing that Mr. Crawford is a veritable giant in physical appearance and real strength which is well for him or he could not have done the immense amount of work he has done in the careful writing of so many books since he first took up his pen to enrich our modern literature.

On the twelfth day of October, in the year of

our Lord 1844, there came into the world a man child in the city of New Orleans, who was destined to take a place of honor and distinction in the literary world of his day.



RICHARD HARDING DAVIS.

The death of his father when young Cable was but fourteen years of age made it necessary for him to go to work for his own support and the support of his mother. When he was nineteen he was such a small, extremely juvenile looking boy that his sisters, when sent beyond the lines for refusing to take the oath of allegiance, had no difficulty in securing permission to take their "little brother" with them. On reaching the Confederacy the "little brother" volunteered and became a soldier in the Fourth Mississippi Cavalry. His record as a soldier is that of one who was always faithful and rigidly observant of discipline. In his hours of leisure he gave himself up to a critical study of the Bible and in studying a Latin grammar. When the war came to an end he went penniless to New Orleans and began work as an errand boy in a mercantile house. Later he took up the study of civil engineering and became a member of a surveying expedition working on the banks of the Atchafalaya River, which resulted for young Cable in an attack of malaria that he did not get rid of for two years.

Mr. Cable's first literary venture appeared in the New Orleans Picayune, and he became later a member of the editorial staff of that paper, a position he resigned because it in time involved a matter of conscience. Mr. Cable was a strict Presbyterian and it was agreed that he should not be asked to go to the theater or write theatrical notices. Regardless of this agreement, he was asked to take charge of the dramatic column of the paper and he promptly resigned his position. While acting as corresponding clerk for a mercantile house he gave his leisure time to writing the stories that afterward appeared in book form bearing the title "Old Creole Days." His delightful story, "The Grandissimes," was also partly written while he was a clerk. Its success caused Mr. Cable to give up his clerkship and devote himself entirely to literature. It was a decision that gave to our American literature some of the best stories of southern life ever written. His best known stories are "Madame Delphine," "Dr. Sevier," "Bonaventure," and "Strange True Stories of Louisiana." Mr. Cable and the late Eugene Field gave readings together from their books some years ago with great success.

Among the younger writers who have achieved instant and great popularity none are better known to the reading public than Mr. Richard

Harding Davis, whose "Gallegher and Other Stories" were written before he was thirty. Mr. Davis is the son of the well-known writer, Rebecca Harding Davis, and L. Clark Davis of Philadelphia. The work of this brilliant young writer is characterized by a dash and go that have pleased the general reading public immensely. Mr. Davis developed remarkable ability as a war correspondent during our war with Spain and also during the late Boer war. His books entitled "Princess Aline," "Soldiers of Fortune," "Van Bibber and Others," "Three Gringos in Venezuela," have displayed unusual ability in so young a writer and have won for him great distinction in the world of letters. Few American writers have attained such a degree of skill and of popularity at such an early age.

Mrs. Ruth McNery Stuart is another writer from the south land who has written many charming stories in which the leading characters have been the quaint negro men and women who have been the theme of many a writer's pen in recent years. Mrs. Stuart was born in Louisiana and she received most of her education in New Orleans. She was married in 1879 to a cotton planter, who has been dead for some years, and she has a son who is a student at Yale. Few writers have equaled Mrs. Stuart in her short stories of negro life. She has a very keen sense of humor and a very keen insight into all the peculiarities of the negro character. Her humor is of a kindly sort and it pervades her writings like sunshine in June.

Her monologue entitled "Sonny" is one of the most charming bits of writing of its kind we have ever read, and who that has read "The Widder Johnsing" can ever forget its rollicking humor. The story takes on a fresh charm when it is read by Mrs. Stuart, for she is an inimitable impersonator of her own characters. Mrs. Stuart makes her home in New York in the winter but during the summer months she stays at her cottage in the Catskill mountains.



MRS. RUTH MCENERY STUART.

THE great wall of China is about 1500 miles long, and has at intervals of about a hundred yards towers of various sizes and strength; in some places the wall is sufficiently wide to allow six horsemen to ride abreast. It is made of two parallel walls filled in with earth and covered over the top with stone. It is supposed to have been built originally about 2000 years ago; probably, however, portions of it have been replaced at later date.